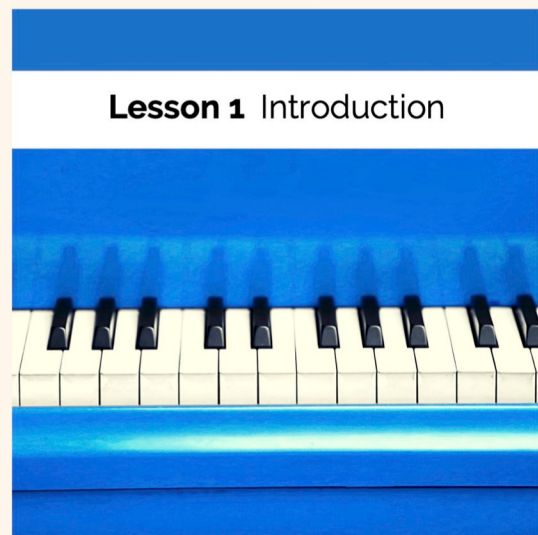


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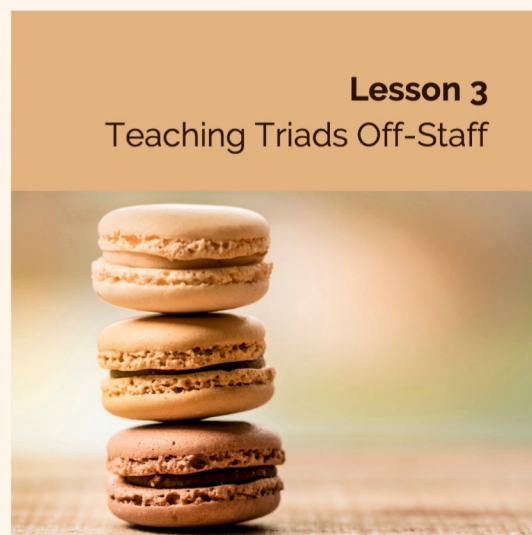
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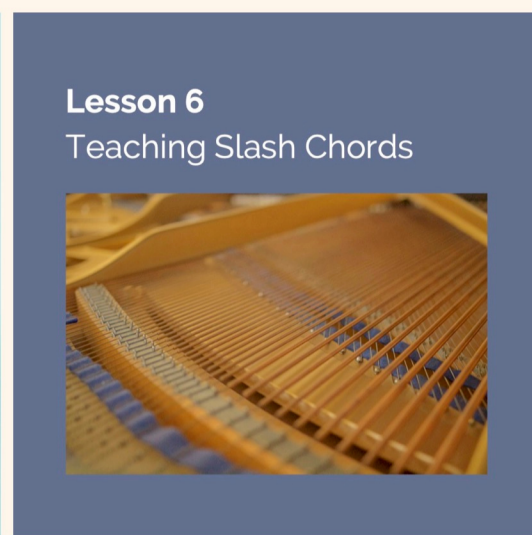
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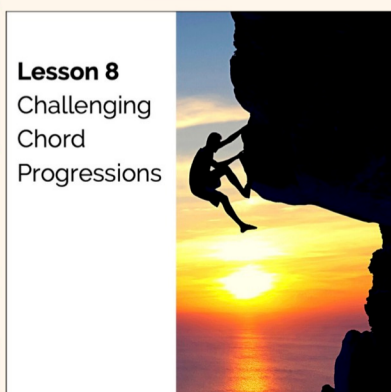
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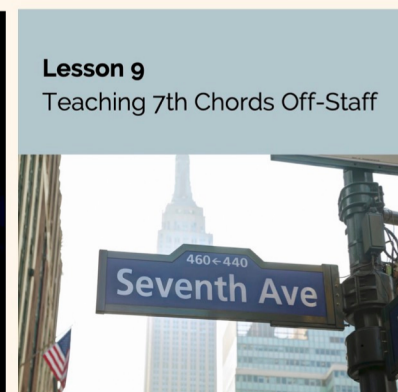
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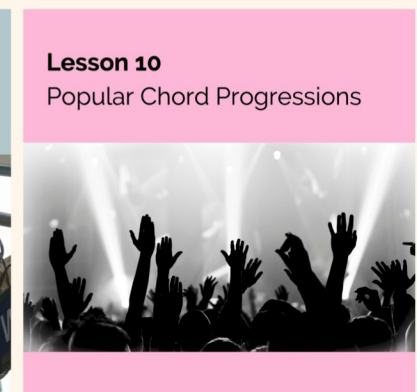
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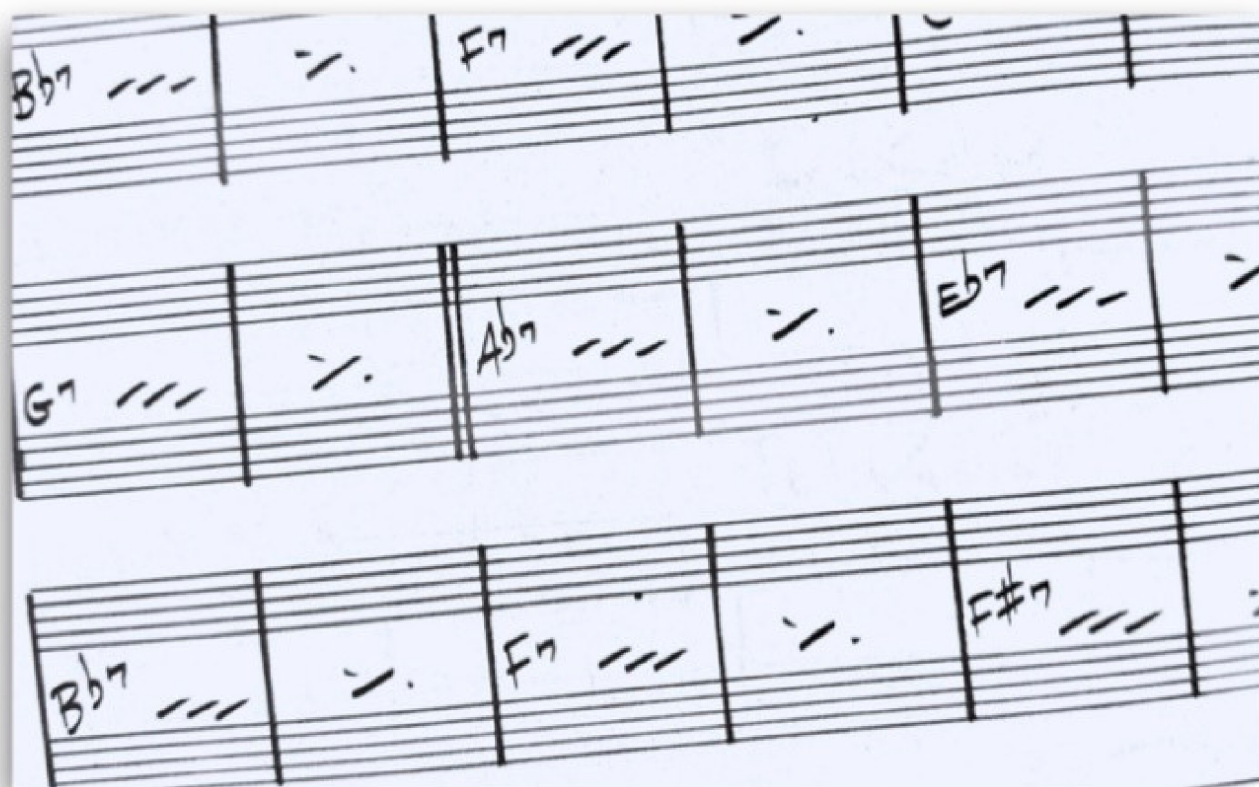
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"Hey Jude" Progression
Aeolian Progression
Chord Chart: "Tumbling in the Shallow"
Flamenco Progression

CHORD CHART TITLES KEY



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“Buena Suerte, Mi Amor!” (Chappell Roan “Good Luck, Babe!”)
“great 4 olivia” (Olivia Rodrigo “good 4 u”)

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“Daisies for Miley” (Miley Cyrus “Flowers”)
“Twirl the Evening Away” (Dua Lipa “Dance the Night Away”)
“Dracula” (Olivia Rodrigo “Vampire”)
“You’ll Remember Keith” (Keith Urban “You’ll Think of Me”)

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“Feline Love Theme” (Elton John “Can You Feel the Love Tonight”)
“I Remember It Completely” (Taylor Swift “All Too Well”)
“Why Am I Here?” (Billie Eilish “What Was I Made For?” from *Barbie*)

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“Mean August” (Taylor Swift “Cruel Summer”)
“Alchemy” (Post Malone “Chemical”)

Lesson 8

“Olivia’s Photo ID” (Olivia Rodrigo “Drivers License”)
“If It’s Fate” (Bebe Rexha “Meant to Be”)
“Flawless” (Ed Sheeran “Perfect”)
“Teddy Falls Apart” (Teddy Swims “I Lose Control”)

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“Slaying Me Quietly” (Roberta Flack/Fugees “Killing Me Softly”)
“It’s High Time” (Lizzo “About Damn Time”)
“Colorful Arch in the Sky” (Kacey Musgraves “Rainbow”)

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“Rock Your Crocs” (Elton John “Crocodile Rock”)
“Never Lose Faith” (Journey “Don’t Stop Believin”)
“Tumbling in the Shallow” (Adele “Rolling in the Deep”)

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What Is Comping?

Comping is playing chords using different comp rhythms.

Think of comping as the piano version of strumming a guitar!

The chord is played with the right hand (RH), and the left hand (LH) plays a single low note (the same letter name as the chord).

Play chords with RH fingers **1, 3, and 5**. (Thumb, middle finger, pinky.)

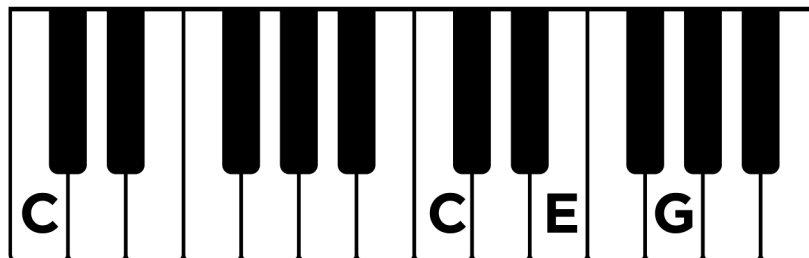


COMP RHYTHM:



T = HANDS TOGETHER / R = RH / L = LH

- First, **tap the comp rhythm** (using both hands) on the closed keyboard lid. Repeat several times without stopping.
- Next, play a **C chord** in your RH, and a lower C with your LH pointer finger.
- Add the comp rhythm and repeat as many times as you can without stopping. Don't stop at the end of beat 4; keep going smoothly!



LH = C NOTE

RH = C CHORD

TRIADS

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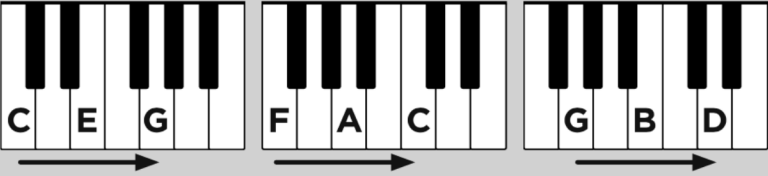
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WHITE-KEY MAJOR TRIADS

Group 1 **All White Keys**

C, F, and G major triads have *all white keys*. On the keyboard, each chord forms a **straight line**.

C Major **F Major** **G Major**

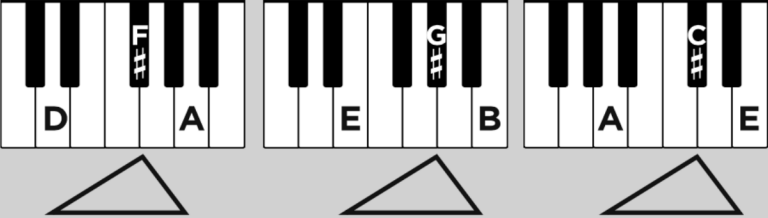


Play these all-white-key triads with your right hand.

Group 2 **Black Key in the Middle**

D, E, and A major triads have a *black key in the middle*. On the keyboard, each chord forms a **triangle shape**.

D Major **E Major** **A Major**

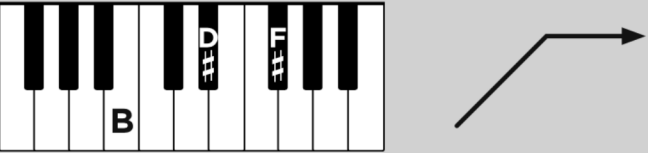


Play these triangle-shaped triads.

B Major **B Major is the Oddball!**

B major has **2 black keys**. Play this triad.

B Major



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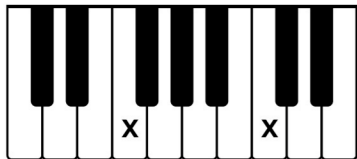
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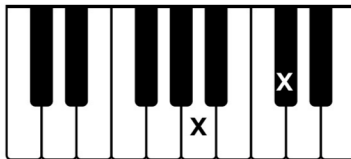
3. Write the missing notes from the major triads below.

D = D ___ A	E = E ___ B
F = F A ___	G = G B ___
A = A ___ E	B = B ___ ___
C = C E ___	

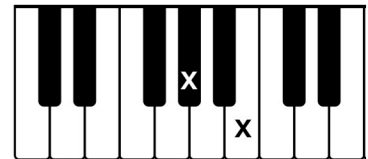
4. Write an "X" on each keyboard below to complete the chord.



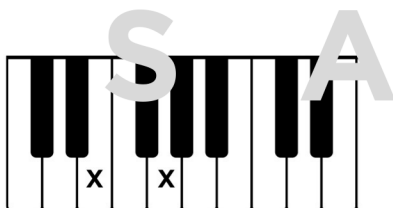
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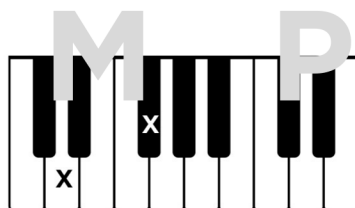
A major



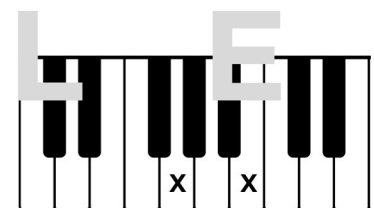
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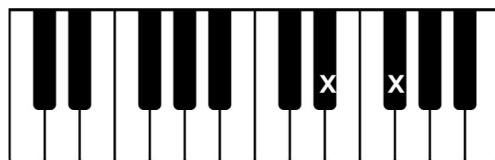
C major



D major



G major



B major

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COMP RHYTHM:

T R L T R L



from "Save Your Tears" (The Weeknd)

C Am Em G



T R L T R L

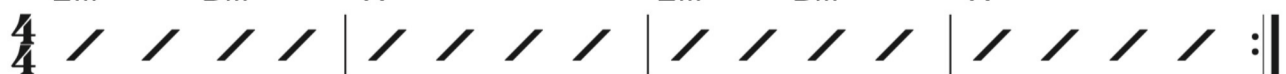


S A M P L E

from "Bodyguard" (Beyoncé)

(Start RH low)

Em Bm A Em Bm A




T R L L R




from "As It Was" (Harry Styles)

D Bm



E A



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REVIEW: How to write shorthand for 7th chords:

Cmaj7 = C **E G B**
LH C Em chord in RH
Cmaj7 = Em/C

Dm7 = D **F A C**
LH D F chord in RH
Dm7 = F/D

4. For each 7th chord, write the slash-chord shorthand.

Ex:

Am7 = C/A

Em7 = _____

Cm7 = _____

Dm7 = _____

Fmaj7 = _____

Fm7 = _____

Cmaj7 = _____

Gmaj7 = _____

Bbmaj7 = _____

Gm7 = _____

Bm7 = _____

Ebmaj7 = _____

Bbm7 = _____

F#m7 = _____

Dbmaj7 = _____

G#m7 = _____

Ebm7 = _____

C#m7 = _____

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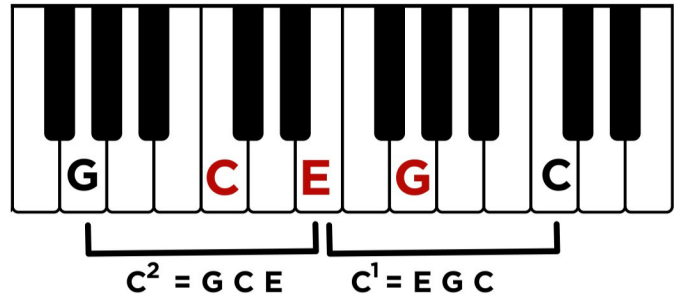
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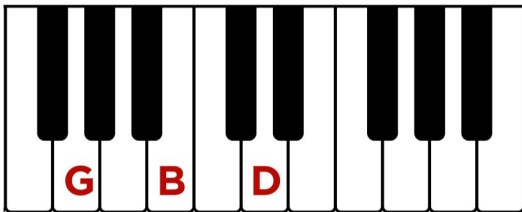
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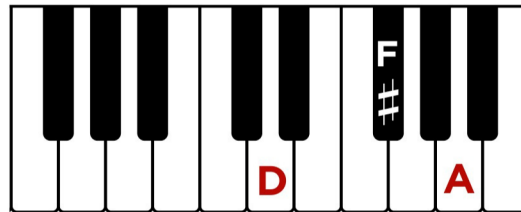
- 1st Inversion, move **bottom note to top**
- 2nd Inversion, move **top note to bottom**



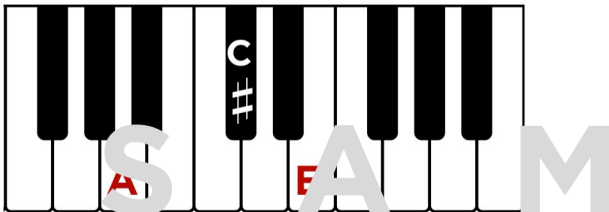
For each example below, write the letter names for the chord inversion.
 The non-inverted chords are shown on the keyboard for visual help.



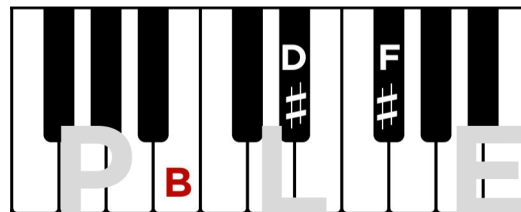
$G^1 = _ _ _$



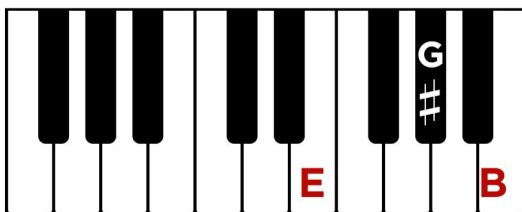
$D^2 = _ _ _$



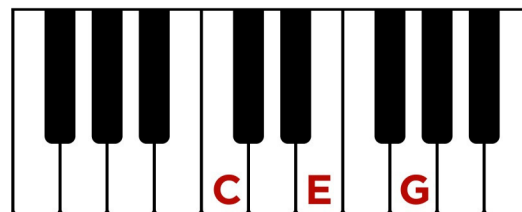
$A^1 = _ _ _$



$B^1 = _ _ _$



$E^2 = _ _ _$



$C^2 = _ _ _$

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COMP RHYTHM:

T R L T R L

from "Training Season" (Dua Lipa)

4/4 Fm^2 S / / A / / M / / | C P / / L / / E / / :||

Inversion
 $Fm^2 = C F Ab$

T R L T R L

from "Watermelon Sugar" (Harry Styles)

4/4 Dm^2 / / / / | Am / / / / | C^2 / / / / | G / / / / :||

Inversions
 $Dm^2 = A D F$
 $C^2 = G C E$

T R L T

from "Take Me to Church" (Hozier)

(Start RH low)

3/4 Em / / Am² / / | Em / / Am² / / | G² / / Am² / / | Em / / Am² / / :||

Inversions
 $Am^2 = E A C$
 $G^2 = D G B$

CHORD CHART

COMP RHYTHM



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“DAISIES FOR MILEY”

Inversions

Dm² = A D F

C² = G C E

E¹ = G# B E

F¹ = A C F

VERSES:

Am Dm² G C²

PRE-CHORUS:

Am Dm² E¹

CHORUS:

Am Dm² G C²

(Play 3 times)

F¹ E¹ Am Dm² G C²

MORE CHORD TYPES

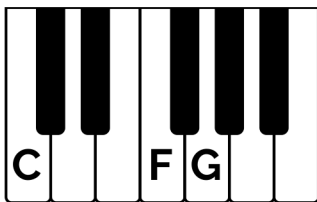
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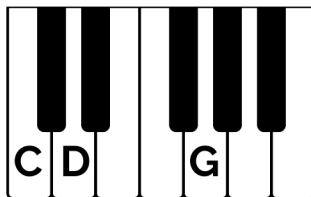
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SUS CHORDS

There are two types of **sus** chords:



C sus 4
or just 'sus'



C sus 2

The "3" (middle note) is "suspended" **up** for **sus 4**, and **down** for **sus 2**.

C major = C **E** G

C sus 4 = C **F** G

C sus 2 = C **D** G

Use these RH fingers:

1 4 5
C sus 4 = C **F** G

1 2 5
C sus 2 = C **D** G

Play these **sus 4** chords with your RH:

D sus 4 **A sus 4** **C sus 4** **E sus 4** **G sus 4**

Play these **sus 2** chords with your RH:

C sus 2 **F sus 2** **B \flat sus 2** **D sus 2** **A sus 2**

CHORD CHART

COMP RHYTHM



Moderately (88 bpm)

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“MEAN AUGUST”

VERSES:

Asus4/D E¹ A/C# F#m¹ Asus4/D E¹ A/C# F#m¹

4/4 / / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / |

Asus4/D E¹ A/C# F#m¹ Asus4/D E¹

/ / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / ||

CHORUS:

Asus2 Am² F#m¹ D²

/ / / / | / / / / | / / / / | / / / / |

Asus2 C#m² F#m¹ D² A

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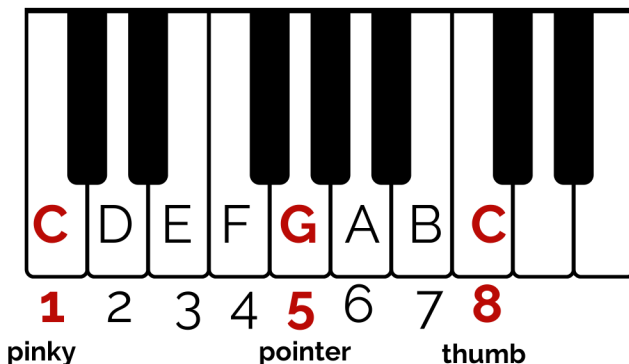
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ADDING LH MOVEMENT

Play the **"1" "5" and "8"** notes with your LH.
 (The example is for a C chord.)

Next, play **"1-5-8" patterns** with your LH,
 starting low and moving up the keyboard:



pinky-pointer-thumb

C - G - C

D - A - D

E - B - E

F - C - F

G - D - G

A - E - A

B - F# - B

ACCOMPANIMENT PATTERN

Using the **accompaniment pattern** shown here, play the music below. **Your LH will play all 1-5-8 patterns**, while your RH plays the chord on beats two and four.

Hint: play the **LH by itself** first, until you're comfortable.

from "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

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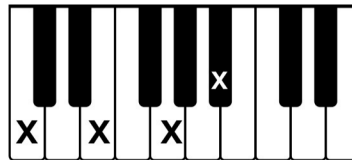
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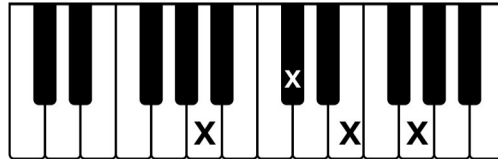
Draw a line connecting each chord name to the proper keyboard.

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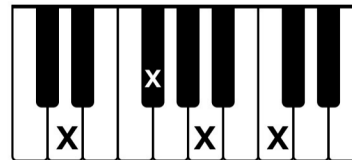
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B7



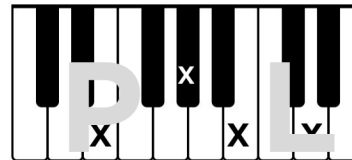
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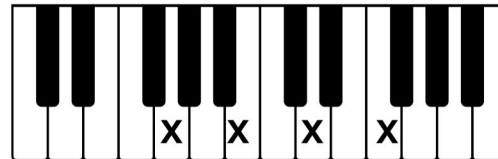
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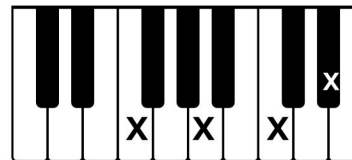


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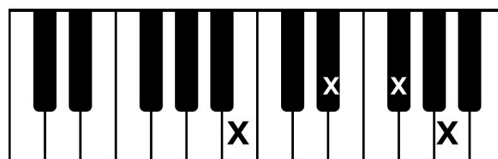
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F7



G7



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NUMBERING CHORDS

To easily communicate with each other, musicians number the chords in each key. In classical music and music theory, Roman numerals are used. If a student is not familiar with Roman numerals, they can use simple numbering, as shown below.

These are the CHORDS... read from bottom to top!

C major scale:

G	A	B	C	D	E	F
E	F	G	A	B	C	D
C	D	E	F	G	A	B

Chords in the Key of C:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
C	Dm	Em	F	G	Am	B dim

With your RH, **play the chords** above in a row; notice they're all-white-key chords.

Using these numbers, we can label each chord in any song. Then, those chords can be played in any key (using a different starting note).

A **chord progression** is a repeated series of chords, some of which have become standard. These are shown in the following pages, in the Key of C. You can also **try playing them in different keys!**

TRIVIA: the slang for a chord progression is "changes." For example, in a recording studio, you might hear something like this: "Give me the changes and I'll improvise." This musician wants the chord progression for the song.

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TRADITIONAL NOTATION

#4

T RL LR

#5

L R R

#6

L RR R

(Reggae Beat)

3/4 Comp Rhythms

L R R

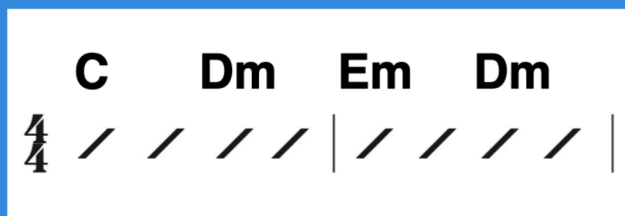
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More Than One Chord Per Measure?

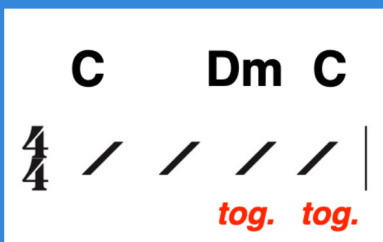
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T R L T R L



C Dm C

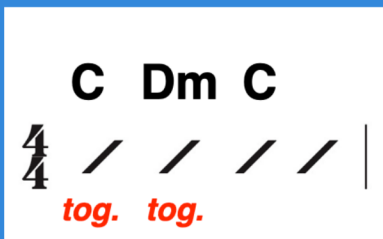


tog. tog.

T R L T T



C Dm C



tog. tog.

T T T R L



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Internet Lyrics with Aligned Chord Symbols

Taylor Swift "Lavender Haze"
(Example: chordsworld.com)

Use RELIABLE Internet Sources

e-chords.com

tabs.ultimate-guitar.com

chordsworld.com

intro

Cmaj7 **Dsus2** **Am** **Am**
Meet me at midnight
Cmaj7 **Dsus2** **Am** **Am**
Oo-oh oo-oh oo-oh oh oh oh oh woah

verse 1

Cmaj7
Staring at the ceiling with you
Dsus2 **Am** **Am**
Oh, you don't ever say too much
Cmaj7
And you don't really read into
Dsus2 **Am** **Am**
My melancholia

pre-chorus

Cmaj7 **Dsus2**
I been under scrutiny (Yeah, oh yeah)
Am
You handle it beautifully (Yeah, oh yeah)
Am
All this **** is new to me (Yeah, oh yeah)

chorus

Cmaj7 **Dsus2**
I feel the lavender haze creeping up on me
Am
Surreal
Am
I'm ***** if I do give a **** what people say
Cmaj7
No deal
Dsus2 **Am**
The 1950s **** they want from me
Am **Cmaj7**
I just wanna stay in that lavender haze
Dsus2 **Am** **Am**
Oo-oh oo-oh oh oh oh oh woah

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DOMINANT 7THs
Starting on White Keys

- C7** = C E G B \flat
- D7** = D F \sharp A C
- E7** = E G \sharp B D
- F7** = F A C E \flat
- G7** = G B D F
- A7** = A C \sharp E G
- B7** = B D \sharp F \sharp A

MAJOR 7THs
Starting on White Keys

- Cmaj7** = C E G B
- Dmaj7** = D F \sharp A C \sharp
- Emaj7** = E G \sharp B D \sharp
- Fmaj7** = F A C E
- Gmaj7** = G B D F \sharp
- Amaj7** = A C \sharp E G \sharp
- Bmaj7** = B D \sharp F \sharp A \sharp

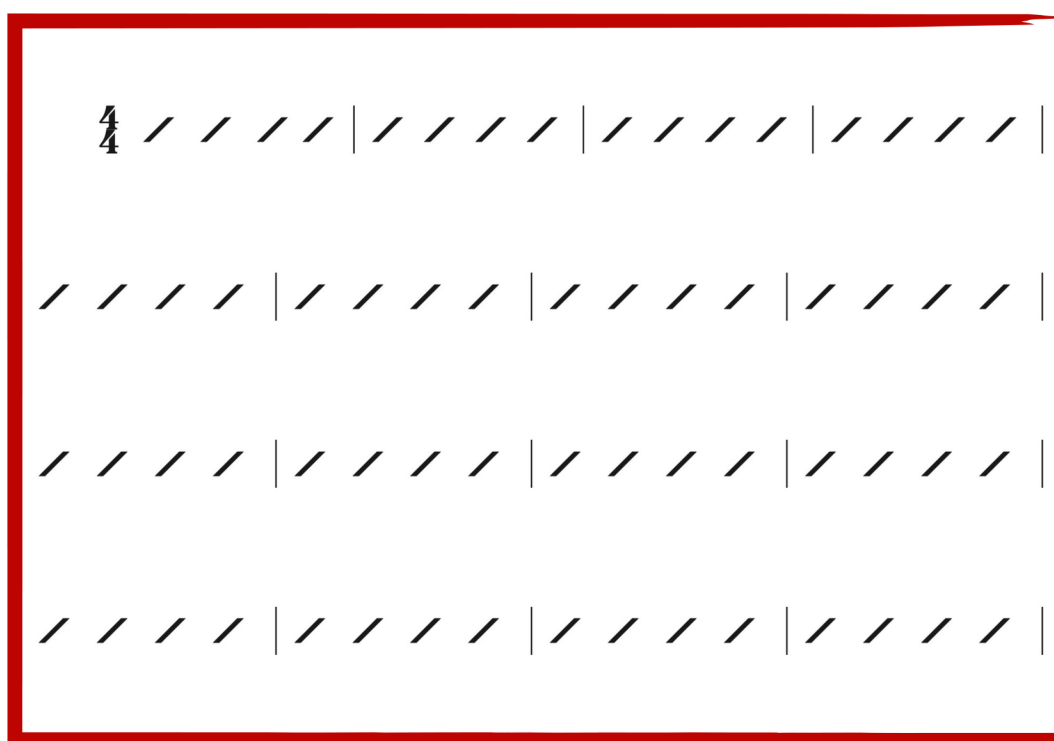
MINOR 7THS
Starting on White Keys

- Cm7** = C E \flat G B \flat
- Dm7** = D F A C
- Em7** = E G B D
- Fm7** = F A \flat C E \flat
- Gm7** = G B \flat D F
- Am7** = A C E G
- Bm7** = B D F \sharp A

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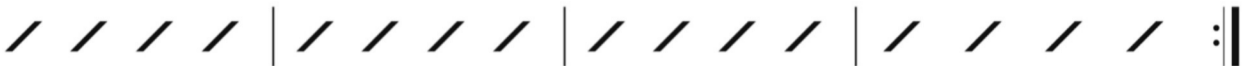
Verses:



Pre-Chorus:



Chorus:



Bridge:

