

Common Chords Derived from Scales

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Major Scale

I	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	triad, 6th, 6/9, /9, Δ 7, Δ 9, Δ 13, Δ 7/6
ii	(1, 2, b3, 4, 5, 6, b7)	triad, m6, m7, m9, m7/11, m11, m13, m7/6 (11), m6/9, m6/11, m6/9/11
iii	(1, b2, b3, 4, 5, b6, b7)	triad, m7, m7/11, m7/11b9, m7b9, m7+
IV	(1, 2, 3, #4, 5, 6, 7)	triad, /#11, 6/9#11, Δ 7#11, Δ 9#11, (Δ 7b5, 6b5, Δ 9b5), 6, 6/9, /9, Δ 7, Δ 9, Δ 13, (/9#11, Δ 13#11)
V	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, b7)	triad, 7, 9, 7/6, 13, 7sus, 7/6sus, 9sus(11), 13sus, 7/11, 7/6/11, /9, 6, 6/9
vi	(1, 2, b3, 4, 5, b6, b7)	triad, m7, m7/11, m9, m13, m9, m7+
vii	(1, b2, b3, 4, b5, b6, b7)	diminished triad, \circ 7, \circ 7/11, \circ 7b9, m7+, \circ 7+

Melodic Minor

i	(1, 2, b3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	triad, m9, m6, m6/9, m6/11, m6/9/11, m6/ Δ 7, m6/9/ Δ 7, m Δ 7, m Δ 7/9, m Δ 7/9/11, m6/7
ii	(1, b2, b3, 4, 5, 6, b7)	triad, m6, m7, m7b9, m7/11, m7/11b9, m7/6
bIII+	(1, 2, 3, #4, #5, 6, 7)	+triad, Δ 7+, Δ 9+, /9+ (Δ 7b5, 6b5, Δ 9b5) IV in major better
IV	(1, 2, 3, #4, 5, 6, b7)	triad, 7, 9, 13, 7/6, 7b5(#11), 9b5(#11), 13#11, 6, 6/9, /9
V	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, #5, b7)	triad, 7, 9, 7+, 9+, /9, 7sus, 11
vi ^o	(1, 2, b3, 4, b5, b6, b7)	^o triad, \circ 7, \circ 9, \circ 7/11, m7+, \circ 7+
vii ^o	(1, b2, b3, 3, b5, #5, b7)	^o triad, + triad, \circ 7, \circ 7b9, m7+, \circ 7+, 7b5, 7b9+, 7b9b5, 7#9+, 7#9b5

Harmonic Minor

i	(1, 2, b3, 4, 5, b6, 7)	triad, m Δ 7, m Δ 7/9, m Δ 7/9/11
ii ^o	(1, b2, b3, 4, b5, 6, b7)	^o triad, \circ 7, \circ 7b9, \circ 7/11
bIII+	(1, 2, 3, 4, #5, 6, 7)	+ triad, Δ 7+, Δ 9+, /9+
iv	(1, 2, b3, #4, 5, 6, b7)	triad, m7, m9, m6, m6/9, ^o triad, \circ 7, \circ 9
V	(1, b2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7)	triad, 7, 7b9, 11b9, 11b9+, 7b9+, 7+, +
bVI	(1, b3, 3, #4, 5, 6, 7)	triad, Δ 7, Δ 7#11, /#11, m, m Δ 7, m6, \circ 7
vii ^o	(1, b2, b3, 3, b5, #5, 6)	^o triad, \circ 7, \circ 9, + triad

Melodic Hungarian Minor

i	(1, 2, b3, #4, 5, 6, 7)	triad, m Δ 7, m6, m Δ 7/9, m6/9
II	(1, b2, 3, 4, 5, 6, b7)	triad, 6, 7, 7b9, 13b9, 11b9
bIII+	(1, b3, 3, #4, #5, 6, 7)	+ , Δ 7+, Δ 7b5, \circ 7, m7+, \circ 7+
#iv ^o	(1, b2, b3, 4, b5, #5, 6)	^o triad, \circ 7, \circ 7b9
V	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, 7)	triad, Δ 7, Δ 9, /9, Δ 7+, Δ 9+, /9+, +
vi ^o	(1, 2, b3, 4, b5, 6, b7)	^o triad, \circ 7, \circ 7/11, \circ 9, \circ 11, \circ 7, \circ 9
vii	(1, b2, b3, 3, 5, b6, b7)	minor triad, m7, m7b9, m7+, major triad, 7, 7b9, 7#9, +, 7+, 7#9+, 7b9+

Hungarian Minor

i	(1, 2, b3, #4, 5, b6, 7)	triad, m ^Δ 7, m ^Δ 7/9, ° triad, °7, °9
II(b5)	(1, b2, 3, 4, b5, 6, b7)	major b5, 7b5, 7b9b5, 13b9b5
bIII+	(1, b3, 3, 4, #5, 6, 7)	+ triad, Δ7+
iv(b9)	(b2, 2, b3, b5, 5, 6, b7)	
V	(1, b2, 3, 4, 5, b6, 7)	triad, Δ7
bVI	(1, b3, 3, b5, 5, b7, 7)	triad, Δ7, Δ7#11, 7, 7b5, 7#9, 7#9#11
vii	(1, b2, b3, 3, 5, b6, 6)	minor triad, m6, major triad, 6

Whole Tone: +, 7b5, 7+, 9b5, 9+

Diminished Scale (1/2, whole): 7b9, 13b9, 7b9b5, 13b9b5, 7#9, 7#9b5, 13#9

Diminished Scale (whole, 1/2):

(1, 2, b3, 4, b5, b6, 6, 7)	° triad, °7, °9
(b2, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7, 7)	9 (no root), Δ9 (no root), 9+ (no root)

Future Project: all Pentatonics and their chords

Scale Preferences:

Major and extensions: Lydian, major

Major #11 family: Lydian

Major + family: Phrygian Melodic Minor

Minor 7th family: Dorian (Aeolian and Phrygian)

Minor 7b5 family: Locrian, Dorian Harmonic Minor, Aeolian Melodic Minor (major keys)

Minor 6 Δ7 family: Melodic Minor, Harmonic Minor (m^Δ7 family)

Dom. 7, 9, 13, (7/6), 7sus, 11, 13sus, (7/6sus), 7/11, 7/6/11: Mixolydian, (Lydian Melodic Minor
on 7, 9, 13, 7/6 only)

Dom. 7, 9, 13 (7/6), 7b5 (#11), 9b5, #11, 13#11: Lydian Melodic Minor

+, 7b5, 7+, 9+, 9b5 :

Whole Tone

+, 7+, 9+ :

Mixolydian Melodic Minor

+, 7+, 7b5, 7b9+, 7#9+, 7b9b5, 7#9b5 :

Locrian Melodic Minor

+, 7, 7b9, 7#9, 7+, 7#9+, 7b9+ :

Locrian Melodic Hungarian Minor

+, 7, 7b9, 11b9, 11b9+, 7b9+, 7+ :

Mixolydian Harmonic Minor

7, 7b9, 13b9, 11b9 :

Dorian Melodic Hungarian Minor

7b5, 7b9b5, 13b9b5 :

Dorian Hungarian Minor

7b9, 13b9, 7b9b5, 13b9b5, 7#9, 7#9b5, 13#9 :

1/2, Whole Diminished Scale

°, °7, °9 :

Whole, 1/2 Diminished Scale

COMMON CHORDS DERIVED FROM SCALES

MAJOR SCALE

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) triad, 6th, 6/9, /9 7, 9, +13, 7/6 m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7 m7, m7, m7, m7 m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, b2, b3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., m6, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7 m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, 2, 3, #4, 5, 6, 7) tr., /+1, 6/9+11, 7/+1 7/+1, 6, 6/9, 7/9 7/9, (+1), 7/9+1, 7/9+1	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) tr., 7, 9, 7/6, 13, 7su, 7/6su, 7/6su(11), 13su 7/11, 7/6/11, 9, 6, 6/9	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., #7, #7/11, #7/11, #7/11, #7/11, #7/11, #7/11, #7/11	(1, b2, b3, 4, b6, b7) tr., #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7

MELODIC MINOR

I	II	bIII+	IV	V	vi°	vii°
(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, 7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, b2, b3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., m6, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, 2, 3, #4, 5, 6, 7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 9, 7/6, 13, 7su, 7/6su, 7/6su(11), 13su	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 9, 7, 9, 7, 9, 7, 9	(1, 2, 3, 4, b5, b7) tr., #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7	(1, b2, b3, 3, b5, b7) tr., #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7

HARMONIC MINOR

I	II	bIII+	IV	V	bVI	vii°
(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, 7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, b2, b3, 4, b5, b6, b7) tr., #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7	(1, 2, 3, #4, 5, b6, b7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 7b9, 11b9, 11b9, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7	(1, b3, 3, #4, 5, 6, 7) tr., 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7	(1, b2, b3, 3, b5, b7) tr., 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7

MELODIC HUNG. MINOR

I	II	bIII+	#IV ^a	V	vi°	vii°
(1, 2, b3, #4, 5, b6, 7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, b2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., 6, 7, 7b9, 13b9, +, 7, +7b5, #7, m7f, #7f	(1, b3, 3, #4, #5, b6, b7) tr., 6, 7, 7b9, 13b9, +, 7, +7b5, #7, m7f, #7f	(1, b2, b3, 4, #5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 07b9, 07b9, 07b9, 07b9, 07b9, 07b9, 07b9	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7	(1, 2, b3, 4, b5, b6, b7) tr., #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7, #7	(1, b2, b3, 3, 5, b6, b7) tr., m7, m7

HUNGARIAN MINOR

I	II(b5)	bIII+	IV(b9)	V	bVI	vii°
(1, 2, b3, #4, 5, b6, 7) tr., m7, m7, m7, m7, m7, m7	(1, b2, 3, 4, b5, b6, b7) majb5, 7b5, +tr., 7b9b5, 13b9b5	(1, b3, 3, #4, #5, b6, b7) majb5, 7b5, +tr., 7b9b5, 13b9b5	(b2, 2, b3, b5, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7	(1, b2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7	(1, b3, 3, b5, 5, b6, b7) tr., 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7	(1, b2, b3, 3, 5, b6, b7) tr., m6, majtr, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7

SCALE PREFERENCES:

MAJOR + EXT = LYDIAN, MAJOR

MAJOR + II FAMILY = LYDIAN

MAJOR + FAMILY = PHRYGIAN, MELODIC, MINOR

+7b5, 7b9 (also WHOLE TONE)
 9b5, 9f (also dim scale:
 1b9, 13b9, 7b9b5, 13b9b5, 7#9, 7#9b5, 13#9)

dim scale:
(1, 2, b3, 4, b5, b6, b7)

9b5, 9f

dim scale -
(b2, 2, 3, 4, 5, b6, b7)
9(mono root), 9(mono root)
9(mono root) 9+(mono root)FUTURE PROJECT:
all pentatonics
+ their chords

MINOR 7TH FAMILY = DORIAN (AFLYD)
 MINOR 7b5 FAMILY = LOCRIAN, DORIAN HARM., AEOlian MELODIC.
 MINOR 6, 7 FAMILY = MELODIC, HARM. M7 fam)

- DOM 7, 9, 13 (7/6), 7su, 11, 13su, (7/bsu), 7/11, 7/6/11 = MIXOLYDIAN (LYDIAN MELODIC MINOR ON 7, 9, 13, 7/6 only)
- DOM 7, 9, 13 (7/6), 7b5 (+11), 9b5, 11, 13+11 = LYDIAN MELODIC MINOR
- (+, 7b5, 7+, 9+, 9b5) : WHOLE TONE
- +, 7+, 9+ : MIXOLYD. MELO. MINOR
- +, 7+, 7b5, 7b9+, 7b9b, 7b9b : LOCRIAN MELODIC
- +, 7, 7b9, 7b9, 7+, 7#9+, 7b9+ : LOCRIAN MELODIC HUNGARIAN
- +, 7, 7b9, 11b9, 11b9+, 7b9+, 7+, 7+ : MIXOLYD. HARMONIC
- 7, 7b9, 13b9, 11b9 : DORIAN MELODIC HUNGARIAN
- 7b5, 7b9b5, 13b9b5 : DORIAN HUNGARIAN
- 7b9, 13b9, 13b9b5, 13b9b5, +, +, whole diminished SCALE
7b9, 7#9b5, 13#9 : whole, +, "
- o, 9b5, 9f : whole, +, "