

Diminished Scales

Diatonic Functioning Diminish Chord

I dim 7	resolve to	I Maj 7
[#] I dim 7	resolve to	II-7
⁴ III dim 7	resolve to	II-7
[‡] II dim 7	resolve to	III-7
#IV dim 7	resolve to	V7
V dim 7	resolve to	V7
[#] V dim 7	resolve to	VI-7
^b VI dim 7	resolve to	V7

• All the diatonic functioning diminished chords must resolve by half step up or down, except I dim 7 and V dim 7 resolve to the same root.



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Symmetric Diminished Scale



- Symmetric Diminished Scale appears as non-diatonic functioning diminished chord (means it does not fit any one of eight categories described before). Because the scale is built with constant whole/ half steps, there is no tension which will create 9th interval. Therefore, all the tensions are available.
- The example shown above will sound strong resolution because of the root motion of V to I. G dim 7, however, does not create any logical voice leading (will be discussed later). Therefore, G dim 7 is not functioning as diatonic.

Combination Dominant Scale

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• If one diminished scale could built with whole and half steps, the reversed positions as half/whole would be possible, too. This scale is usually used for dominant. Note; there is no available tension this time.



• The same scale may start on the root of the substitute dominant chord.



Non Diatonic Functioning Diminished Chords

Additional information for the diminished chords (p.10-12).

• As we discussed thoroughly, diminished chord scales will be decided by the fact that if the diminished chord is acting as a diatonic function within the key of the moment. The list below shows the progressions which will **not create a resolution sound** in the sequence

The list below shows the progressions which will **not create a resolution sound** in the sequence even though it may look diatonic functioning diminished chords. This list will against the list on page 10.

Those progressions are called **non diatonic functioning diminished chords** sequence. Therefore, the chord scales will not be considered by the Key of the moment. The Symmetric diminished scale will be used, instead.

- Again, if any of the diminished chords do not resolve in the Key of the moment as shown on the page 10, the chord scale will be Symmetric diminished scale as well.
- There is an **exception** to the rule above.



The #I dim 7 did not resolve to II-7. Instead, it resoled to V with the 5th (D) on bass. This is a semi-diatonic functioning progression, because the ear will hear the bass move to the 2nd degree of the diatonic scale (C Major) as where the II-7 is supposed to be, and the actual chord on top of the bass which is another diatonic chord. #II dim 7 resolves to I with the 3rd on bass is also semi-diatonic for the same reason. Therefore, the chord scale will be decided by the Key of the moment. Note that this kind of progression is commonly heard in Gospel music.

TipEnharmonic respelling is necessary when the root of the diminished choed is flat.I.e.; Respell E^{\flat} dim 7 to D^{\ddagger} dim 7 in order to find the chord scale.

Relative Keys

• Relative Keys are a pair of keys which uses same key signature. Those two keys are Major and minor, and the minor key starts from VI degree of the Major key. In other word, the tonic of relative minor starts from Major 6th above the tonic of relative Major.

C Major ---- Major 6th ↑ ---- A minor

C minor ---- Major 6th \downarrow ---- E Major



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 Minor scale has three different types. The reason is Leading Tone. Leading Tone is a note which leads the tonic form -2nd below. Since Natural minor scale (Aeolian Mode) is VIth mode of relative Major, the scale does not have Leading Tone. Therefore, Natural minor does not sound resolving to the Tonic.



- Harmonic minor is a minor scale with Leading Tone. Leading Tone is needed for resolution harmonically. Note that raising the 7th note to make Leading Tone changed V-7 chord to V7 chord (E-7 to E7 in A minor, see page 32), which makes much smoother progression of V7 to I -.
- Harmonic minor is smoother harmonically. It, however, no longer smooth as a scale because Leading Tone created an Aug 2nd interval from the 6th note F. To make the scale smoother, the 6th note is rased, too. That is Melodic minor Scale. The rased 6th and 7th are needed only when going up to the tonic. Therefore, descending scale goes back to Natural minor Scale (Aeolian Mode).

Diatonic Chords



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Harmonic Consideration for minor key



Typical minor diatonic chords in minor key chord progression.

• Because Mixolydian and diminished scales varies according to the Key of the Moment, all the tension notes must be adjusted.



Therefore, this is Mixo 9 which contains 13 automatically.

diminished scale for VIIdim7 is shown below.



• " $-7^{(b5)}$ " appears very distinctively. Most likely, this is a II chord of a minor key of the moment. If this chord is followed by a Dominant chord, it must be a minor II - V progression, no matter what chord to resolve. Therefore, the mode is Locrian for the II $-7^{(b5)}$, and Mixo b9 for the V7.



Night And Day by Cole Porter



I Love You by Cole Porter

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Modal Interchange



Note that the notes indicated black are scale degree 6 in C Natural minor (C Aeolian) which is the Avoid. That is why any diatonic chord contains scale degree 6 is not Tonic minor. Those are Subdominant minor chords.



• V-7 is not common, because 3 of the Parent minor Key (E in C minor) which is necessary to characterize minor sound is not chord tone nor available tension on V-7 (Phrygian Mode) Scale.

minor II - V - I



Because the II-7^(b5) usually precedes the V7 chord, it is a modal interchange chord from Harmonic minor.

Altered Subdominant Chord

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Note that the ^bVI7 (altered ^bVI Maj7) and the ^bVII7 (diatonic) are not Dominant functioning chords because those are not located at the 5th position in the diatonic, and do not resolve to I- going down Perfect fifth.

Modal Interchange (cont.)

• Mixolydian Modal Interchange Chord.



Summary of the basic Modal Interchange Chords			
Tonic minor from natural minor	 I-7 IIIMaj7 V-7 (not common) 	Aeolian Ionian Phrygian	
Subdominant minor from natural minor	• ν_{IIMaj7} • $II-7^{(\flat 5)}$ • $IV-7$ • ν_{VIMaj7} • ν_{VI7} • ν_{VI17}	Lydian Locrian Dorian Lydian Lydian ⁶ 7 Mixolydian	
II ₋₇ ^(b5) V7 from Harmonic minor	 II-7^(b5) V7 	Locrian Mixo ^b 9, ^b 13	
Mixolydian Modal Interchange	 VIIMaj7 V-7 	Lydian Dorian	











Special Dominant

• Special Dominant Chords are chords which appear in diatonic situation, yet do not resolve by going down Perfect 5th nor minor 2nd.

II7 appears as a substitution of V7. The tritone resolves to a part of I Maj7 (5th, M7th).



Since II7 is derived from V7/V, Take The "A" Train changes (below) is well known.



• II7 can be explained as a Modal Interchange chord from I Lydian.

Since III7 is derived from V7/VI, it resolves to IV Maj7 which is Inverted VI-6.



Since VI7 is same structure as SubV7/V, it resolves to I Maj with 5th on root.



II7

Special Dominant (cont.)



Since VI7 is derived from V7/II, it resolves to IV Maj7 which is II-9 without the root.





Since VII7 is derived from V7/III, it resolves to I Maj7 which is III- without the root.





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#IV-7^(b5) is often found in standard jazz progressions as a special diatonic functioning chord. It can be explained theoretically in a number of different ways (shown bellow). Yet, as always, the available scale is Locrian because it is a minor 7th chord with a flated 5th.



- It can be explained as a Modal Interchange chord from Tonic Lydian (C Lydian), just as II7 was explained in p. 37.
- $\#IV-7(^{b5})$ can be explained as a V^{7}/V without the root.



• Instead of resolving to V, $\#IV - 7^{(b5)}$ can resolve to I/5th (inverted), just as #IV diminished chord did. This also supports that II7 followed by I chord (p. 29).



• $\#IV-7(^{b_5})$ can be found as a passing chord which resolve to IV chord. This is the most common use of $\#IV-7(^{b_5})$.



• Those are the common use of $\#IV - 7(^{(b5)})$ shown below. There are many Modal Interchange chords in the music, as well. Reviewing the Modal Interchange (p. 35-38), indicate those chords with "M.I.".



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Deceptive Resolutions

• **Standard Deceptive Resolutions:** A dominant 7th chord resolve to a tonic functioning chord (see page 16) other than I chord.



III- is I Maj7 without the root.

• Non Standard Deceptive Resolutions: Since the dominant 7th chord resolve to the I Major 7th in a Major key, other Modal Interchange Major 7th chords may be seen as a deceptive resolution.



Deceptive Resolutions (cont.)

- One additional Deceptive Resolution is a dominant 7th chord followed by $\#IV-7(^{1}5)$. This progression may be seen as three different functions.
 - #IV-7(15) appears as a related II-7 of V7/III.



• $\#IV-7(b^5)$ appears as a passing chord to IV-7. This may be called Altered Subdominant minor, sometime.



• $\#IV-7^{(b5)}$ appears as a Lydian Modal Interchange tonic functioning chord. As the VI-7 and the III-7 replaces I Major in the Standard Deceptive Resolution, $\#IV-7^{(b5)}$ replaces I Major Lydian chord.



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Compound Chords

• **Inversion** is a chord with the bass which is replaced with a chord tone other than the root.



• **Hybrid** is a chord with a bass which is other than any of chord tones. Note that the any kind of 3rd against the bass can not be included in the upper structure chord, because it will characterize a chord to the bass. Basically, the upper structure chord is derived from the scale notes against the bass. However, because the 3rd of the bass is not included, ambiguous sound will be created.



- Derived from D Dorian with ^b7, 9, 11, and 13 those which create the upper structure chord. Since the ^b3rd (F) is missing from this chord, it will not sound D-7. It rather sound C Maj7 with the 9th on the bass.
- 2) Derived from G Mixolydian with 5, ^b7, 9 and S4. Note that the avoid note (S4: C) can be used because the 3rd (B) is missing from this chord. The sound will be D−7 with the 11th on the bass.
- 3) Derived from D[#] Locrian with 11, ^b7 and S2(^b9). Note that the flat 9th interval created between D[#] and E is acceptable in two reasons. The one is because Locrian is a semidominant functioning mode, so as altered dominant tensions are, flat 9th interval will create more resolution sense. The other is because the upper structure chord creates strong unity as a chord, the ear can separate it from the bass. However, the caution must be taken when it is used.
- **Polychord** is a chord combined with two triads or 7th chord. Usually, the upper structure is created from the available tensions of the bottom chord. This is extremely useful when the keyboard voicing is needed to be specified for ensemble arranging reasons.



Project I

• Write a piece using the technique you have learned.

- 32 bars form recommended.
- Two types of the conventional forms are recommended.
 - A A B A
 ie; "Take The A Train"
 - 2) ▲ B ▲ C
 ie; "The Days Of Wine And Roses"

If you are sure you can make unconventional form musically, it is acceptable as long as you know what you are doing.

ie; "Piece", "Blue In Green"

No Blues please.

Check Points

Notation

Neatness, Imaginary bar line, Beats positioning, Accidentals, Ending bar line, Beaming, Clef and so on.

Scale notes

Notes must fit in the chord scales, unless otherwise it is an approach note. Therefore, **you must analyze** with Roman numeral and name of the scale (mode) for your piece.

• Extra Points

• Musical Phrasing.

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- Intro and TAG (Outro).
- Recording of the piece.

Project II

- 1. Quiz on Intervals and Chord Scales (Modes).
- 2. Write a piece using five subjects of the seven listed below (Diatonic Functioning Dominant Chords must be included as indicated). The piece must be analyzed according to the directions of Appendix A.
 - Diatonic Functioning Dominant Chords (include Primary Dominant).
 Must use at least two of the four listed below.
 - a) Secondary Dominant
 - b) Extended Dominant
 - c) Special Dominant
 - d) Substituted Dominant (^{Sub}V7)
 - 2) Related II-
 - 3) #IV-7(5)
 - 4) Diatonic Functioning Diminished Chord.
 - 5) Minor Key.
 - 6) Modal Interchange (exclude Lydian M.I. and Mixolydian M.I.).
 - 7) Deceptive Resolutions

Warning

- If the piece is notated and analyzed in a hard-to-read way, it will be returned without being graded.
- Note that this assignment is not for writing a musical composition, but for a correct harmony and melody with the theory you have learned.
- Duplicated analysis must be avoided (i.e. #IV 7(5)) as a Modal Interchange).

Tip

- Write the chord progression first, then the melody according to the available scales.
- The bass motion (P5th down, Major or minor 2nd up and down) will make the sound stronger.



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