The Piano Chord Collection

Major triads

Major triads include three notes and these can be referred to as the root, the major third and the perfect fifth. This means that the notes in the chord are the first, the third and the fifth notes in the related scale. "Maj" is short for major, but in major triads the letter stands usually alone. Interval pattern: 1 - 4 - 3.

Minor triads

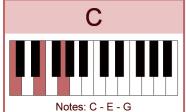
Minor triads include three notes and these can be referred to as the root, the minor third and the perfect fifth. It can also be referred to the first, the third and the fifth notes in the related scale. "m" is the most used abbreviation for minor. Interval pattern: 1 - 3 - 4.

Major 7th

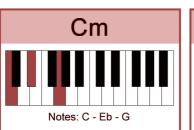
The Major seventh chord is built by adding a major seventh note to a major triad, making it a four-note chord. The fourth note in the chord is also the seventh note in the related major scale. "Maj" is written out as the abbreviation for major. Interval pattern: 1 - 4 - 3 - 4.

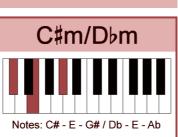
Minor 7th

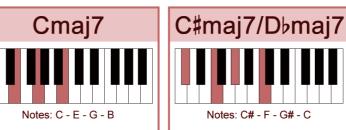
The Minor seventh chord is built by adding a minor seventh note to a minor triad, making it a four-note chord. The fourth note in the chord is also the seventh note in the related minor scale. As the abbreviation for minor, "m" is written out, but also "min" as in Cmin7 is used. Interval pattern: 1 - 3 - 4 - 3.

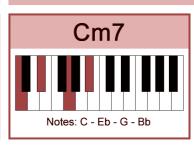


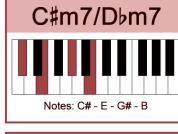
C#/Db Notes: C# - F - G# / Db - F - Ab

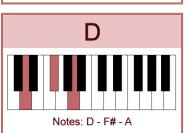


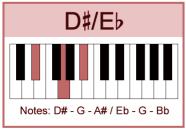


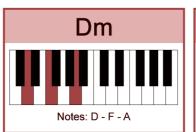


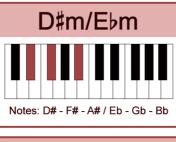


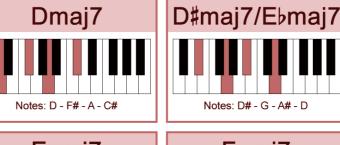


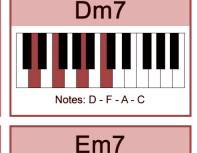








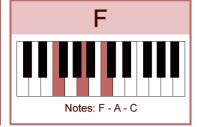


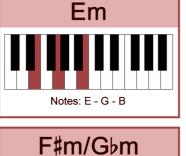


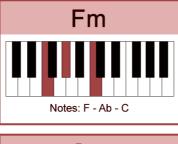


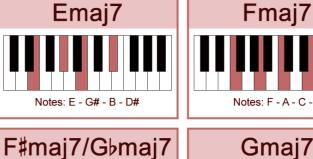
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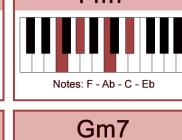


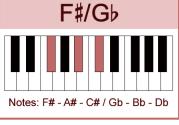


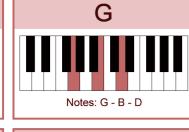




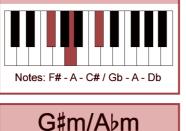


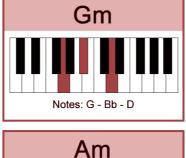


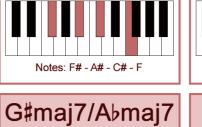


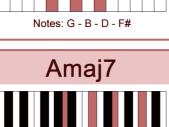


Notes: A - C# - E

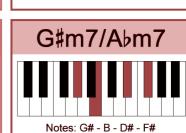




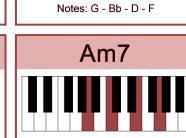


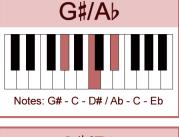


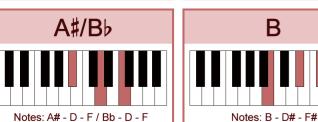
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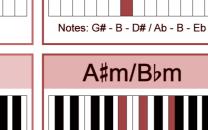


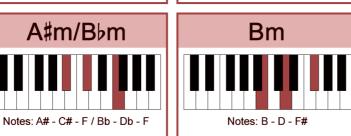
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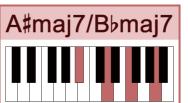




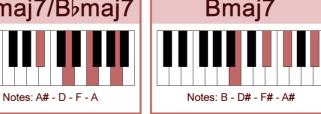


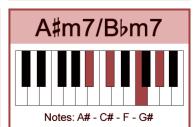


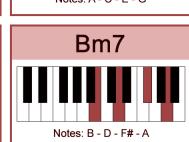




Notes: G# - C - D# - G







Diminished triads

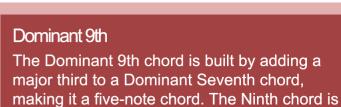
"Dim" stands for diminished and what happens in these chords is that both tones besides the root are flattened one semi-step. You may find the alternative degree symbol, as in C°. Dim chords are quite unusual and are mainly used for transitions between two chords. Interval pattern: 1 - 3 - 3.

Augmented triads

"Aug" stands for augmented. In a triad augmented chord there is the root and two major thirds. You may find the alternative plus symbol, as in C+. These chords are quite uncommon and their function is mostly to be placed between two chords that lack distinct relationship. Interval pattern: 1 - 4 - 4.



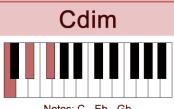
The Dominant 7th chord is built by adding a minor seventh note to a major triad, making it a four-note chord. The name "dominant" refer to the fifth degree of the diatonic scale and it is called dominant because it is most weighty besides the tonic (the root of the scale) and its neither major nor minor. Interval pattern: 1 - 4 - 3 - 3.



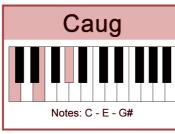
an extended chord, and is called so because

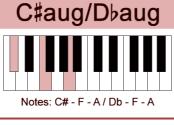
it is extended with a third one octave higher, which also is nine scale steps above the root

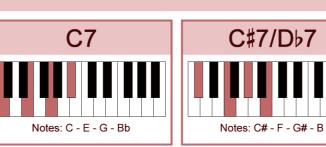
Interval pattern: 1 - 4 - 3 - 3 - 4.

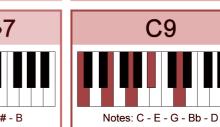


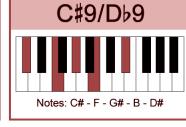
C#dim/Dbdim Notes: C# - E - G / Db - E - G Notes: C - Eb - Gb

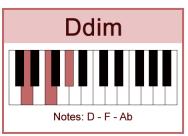








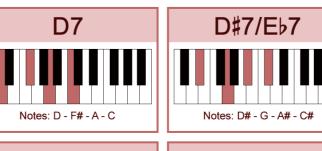


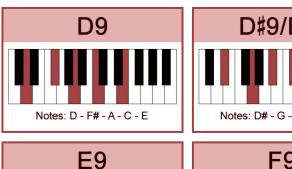


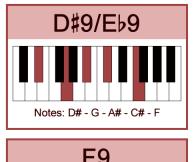




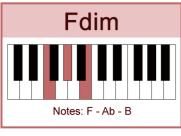








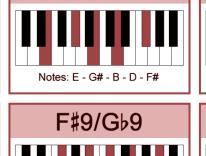






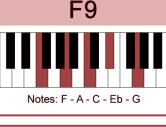






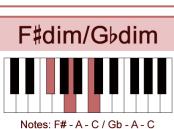
Notes: F# - A# - C# - E - G#

G#9/Ab9



G9

Notes: G - B - D - F - A



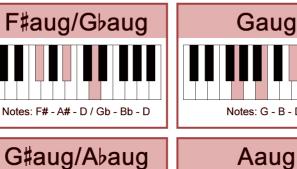
G#dim/Abdim

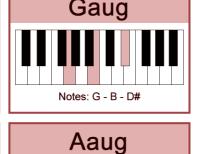
Notes: G# - B - D / Ab - B - D



Adim

Notes: A - C - Eb

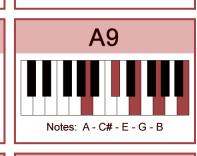


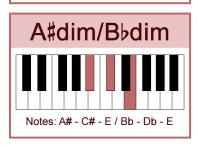


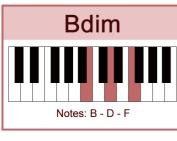


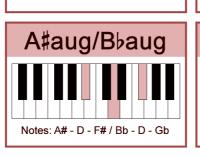
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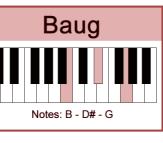




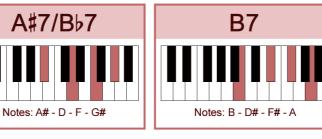




Notes: G# - C - E / Ab - C - E



Notes: A - C# - F



Notes: G-B-D-F

