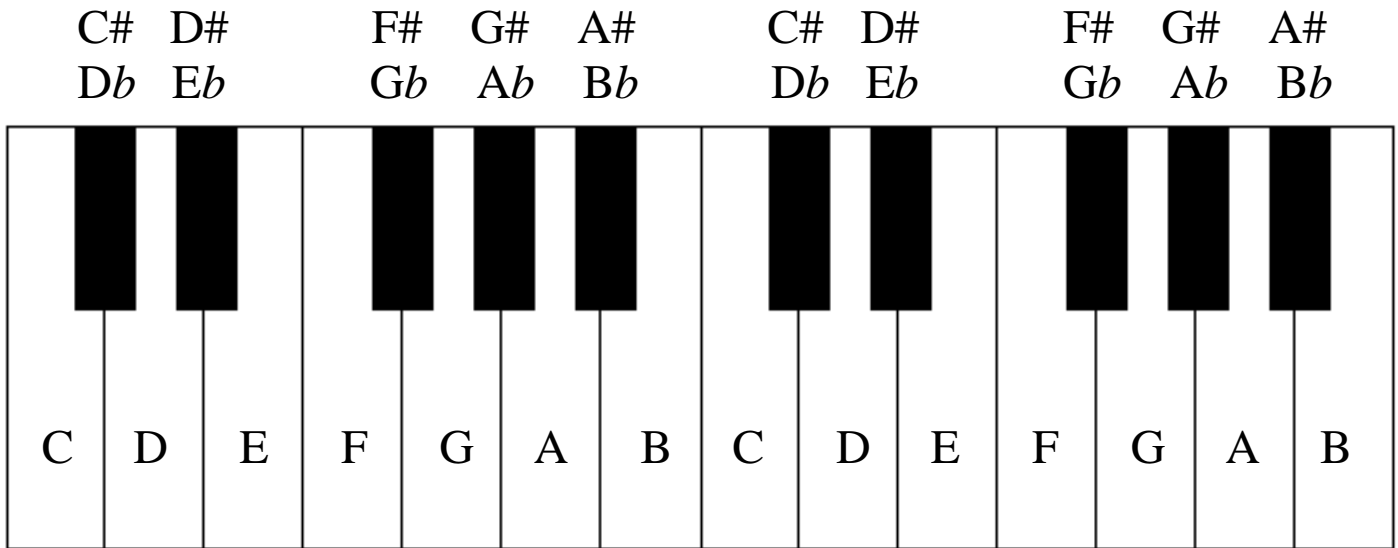


A LEVEL MUSIC THEORY

The Notes of the Keyboard



The Treble Clef



The Bass Clef

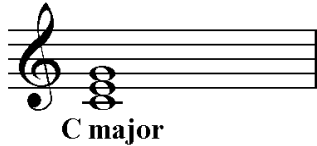


Note values

4 beats	Semibreve
3 beats	Dotted Minim
2 beats	Minim
1 beat	Crotchet
$\frac{1}{2}$ beat	Quaver
$\frac{1}{4}$ beat	Semiquaver

Chords

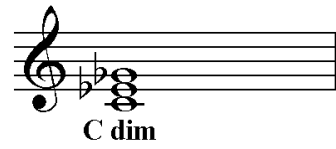
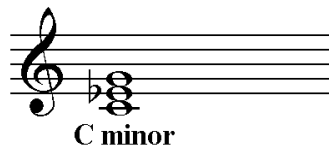
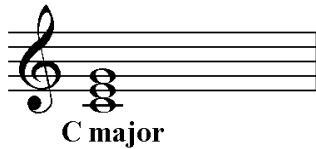
Chords are usually made up of three notes spaced out as shown below.



The chord is **major** if there is a **major third** then a **minor third**

The chord is **minor** if there is a **minor third** then a **major third**

The chord is **diminished** if there are **two minor thirds**



Degrees of the Scale

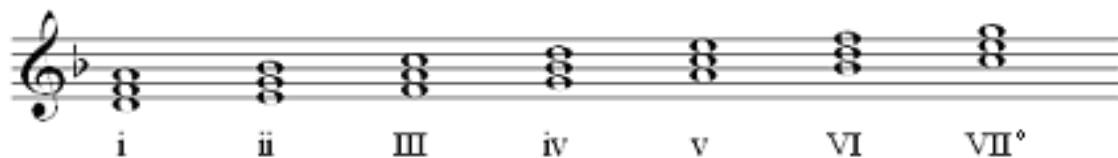
Roman Numerals are used to indicate which degree (note) of the scale the chord is based on.

- **Upper case** numerals indicate **major** chords (e.g. I or V)
- **Lower case** numerals indicate **minor** chords (e.g. ii or iii)
- **A small circle** indicates **diminished** chords (e.g. vii^o)

C major



D minor



Each degree of the scale has a specific name. The **Primary Chords** (I, IV and V) are the most important.

I	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii
Tonic	Supertonic	Mediant	Subdominant	Dominant	Submediant	Leading note

Inversions

When they are spaced in this way they are said to be in **root position**.



C major root position

If another note of that chord is the lowest note sounded it is said to be inverted. This just means that the order of the notes has been changed counting up from the bottom.



C major 1st inversion



C major 2nd inversion

Key Signatures

The number of sharps and flats for each key signature can be worked out from the following table

		0	1	2	3	4	5
SHARPS	major	C	G	D	A	E	B
	minor	A	E	B	F#	C#	G#
		0	1	2	3	4	5
FLATS	major	C	F	B b	E b	A b	D b
	minor	A	D	G	C	F	B b

The order of these sharps and flats is as follows

The order of sharps:

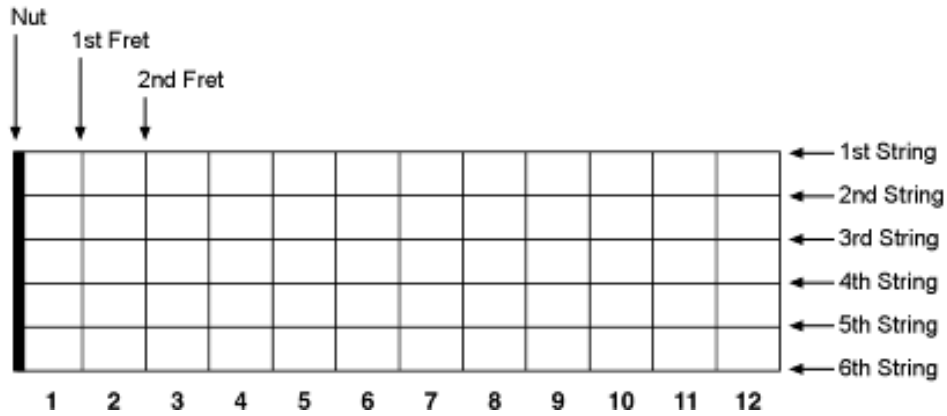
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The order of flats:

Battle **E**nds **A**nd **D**own **G**oes **C**harles's **F**ather

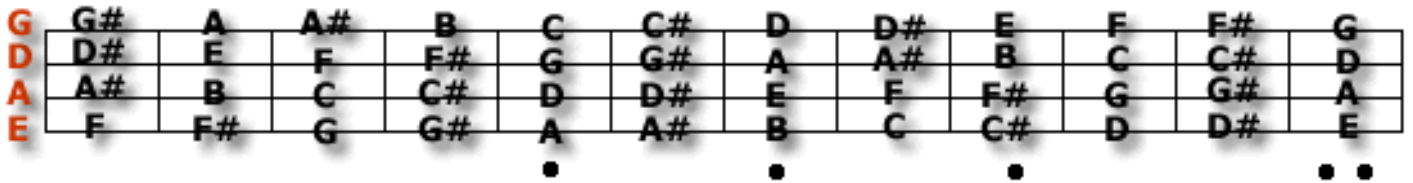
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Drum Notation Key

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