MOVABLE CHORDS-IN-A-KEY FINDER

E A D G B E

Key of C Major

root

Scale

The chart on the right shows all the notes in a C major scale. Each note is also the root note of a chord. The notes in blue are root notes for Major chords, the green notes are Minor chord root notes, and the red is the diminished chord root note.

CHORDS

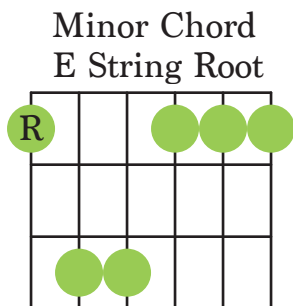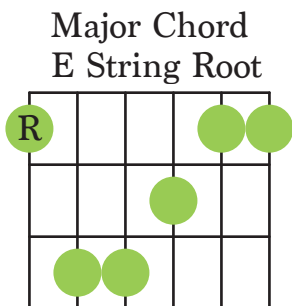5th fret — A D

B E

8th fret — C F

G

The shape on the right can be moved up and down the fingerboard to be in any key you like. The blue dots will always be major chord root notes, the green dots will always be minor chord root notes, and the red dots will always be diminished chords.

Major Chord
E String Root

Minor Chord
E String Root

Half Dim Chord
E String Root

Major Chord
A String Root

Minor Chord
A String Root
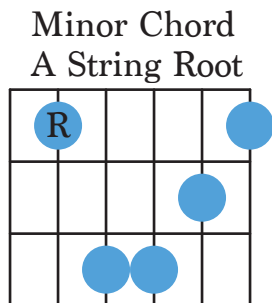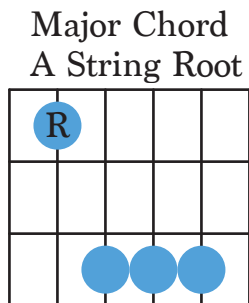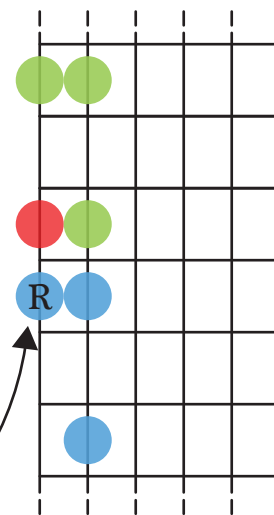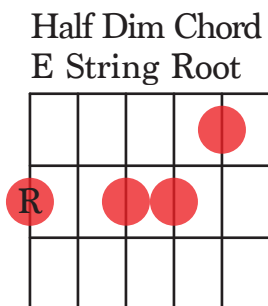
This note tells you what Major Key you're in. If it's on C, your set of chords is in C Major. If this note is on B♭, you're in the key of B♭.
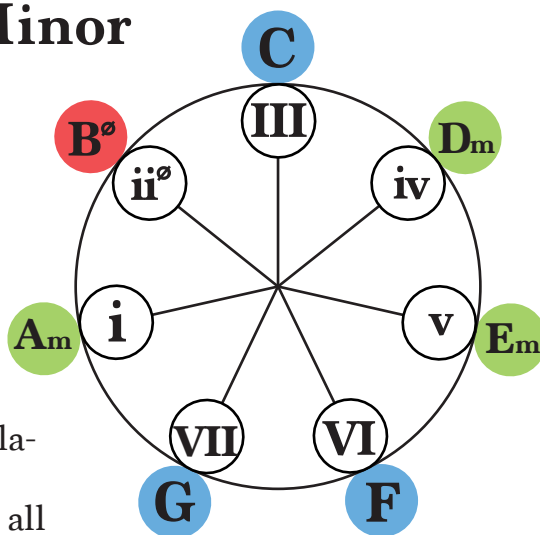
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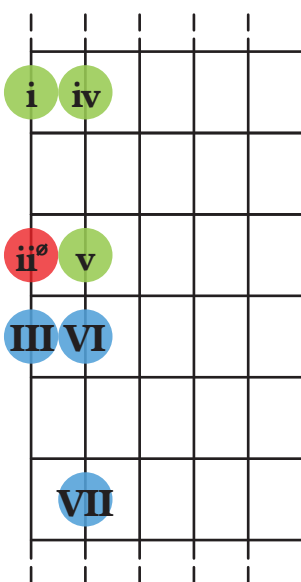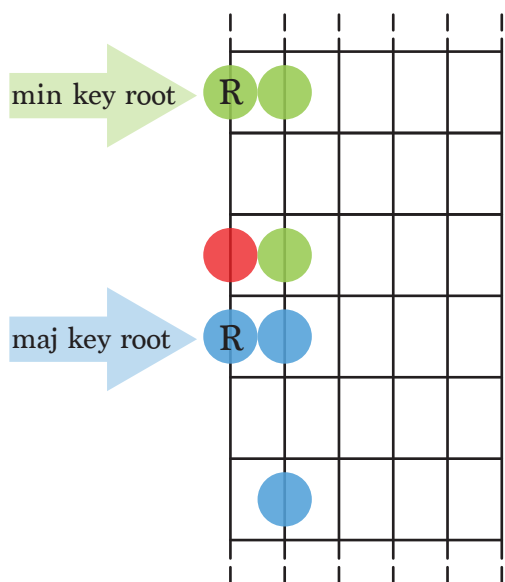
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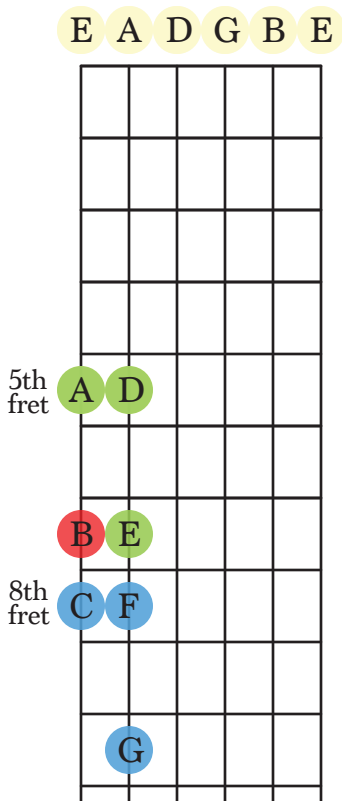
Key of A Minor
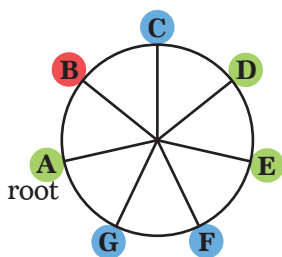
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C Major and A Minor are relative keys, which means they share all the same notes and all the same chords. So, if you want to write a bar chord progression in a minor key, you can use the exact same shape and chords from the previous page.
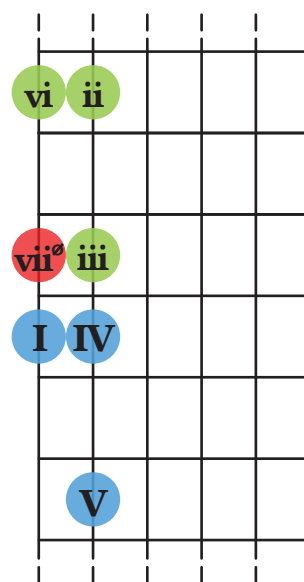
This is essentially a quick, movable system to create major key and minor key chord progressions using bar chords. Once you get comfortable navigating this shape, it's a great starting point to quickly write chord progressions.

min key root

maj key root

MINOR KEY   MAJOR KEY