

ii⁷
(and inversions)

Here's the only 7th chord we've studied thus far:

C: V⁷

...now let's make ii⁷

Maj:

min: it is true we can't have root position ii^o in minor, but root position ii^{o7} is ok!

- So, what scale degree is the 7th?

Summary of function: By adding a seventh to ii, the function does not change. ii⁷ and its inversions are just dominants.

Rather nice example in major:

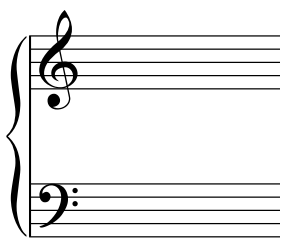
I vii^{o6} I⁶ ii⁷ V⁷ I

...and in minor:

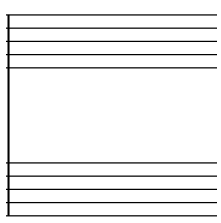
i vii^{o6} i⁶ ii^{ø7} V⁷ i

What scale degrees are in the bass in each inversion, and how do you analyze each?

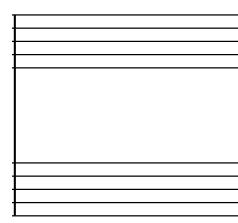
1st inv:



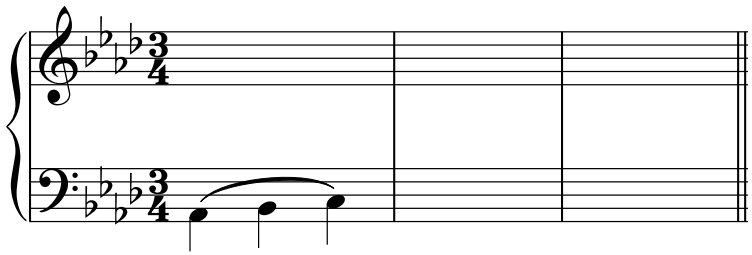
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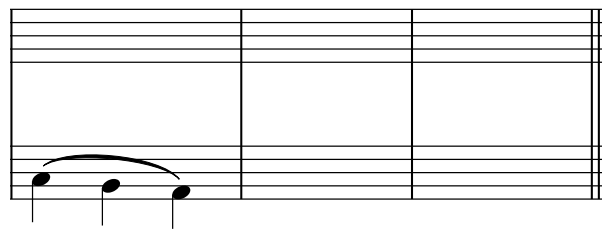
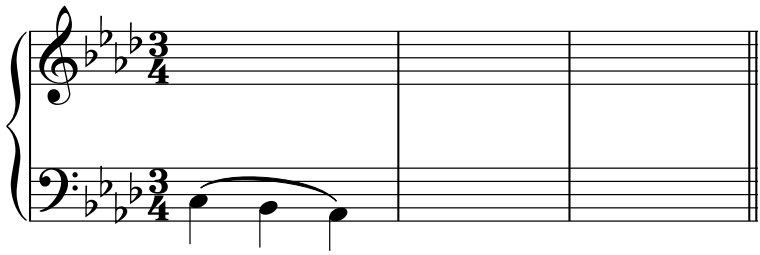
3rd inv:



Make bass shapes with ii⁷ and inversions:



tonic expansion



Doubling / voice leading is similar to all seventh chords:
so there's no new rule here, just new ways to apply what you already know

Doubling: You may omit the 5th of root position ii^7 . However, all inversions must be complete.
 Never double any 7th; it's a tendency tone.

Preparation: Prepare the 7th of ii^7 ($\hat{1}$) as a common tone in the previous chord whenever possible.
 It's always possible when $I \rightarrow ii^7$.

Resolving: As always, resolve the seventh down by step.

ii^7

$\hat{1}$
 $\hat{6}$
 $\hat{4}$
 $\hat{2}$

Bass: 2

ex.

The example shows a sequence of chords in 3/4 time: I, vii^{o6}, I⁶, ii⁷, V⁷, I. The ii⁷ chord is highlighted with a box in the diagram above.

example of $ii^7 \rightarrow cadential^6_4$

As you know you must prepare a dissonance in the previous chord whenever possible.

ii^7 and the cadential 6_4 each contain a dissonance, so you have two notes to prepare properly.

Watch what happens...

The musical notation shows a sequence of chords in a grand staff. The chords are: I, vii^{o6}, I⁶, ii⁷, V⁶₄ = ⁵₃, and I. The ii⁷ and V⁶₄ chords share a common dissonant note, which is the 4th degree of the scale.

So, it just so happens that the dissonances in ii^7 and the cadential 6_4 are the same note, $\hat{1}$! You don't need to memorize this necessarily, it's just worth pointing out. Again, just prepare every dissonance whenever possible.

$\overset{\cdot}{\underset{\cdot}{i}}\overset{6}{5}$

Bass: $\overset{\wedge}{4}$

$\overset{\wedge}{2}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{1}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{6}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{4}$

ii^6_5 has $\overset{\wedge}{4}$ in the bass. Therefore, what smooth bassline will you typically typically create with this chord?
 What other chords do you already know that can be used with this same bassline/shape?

i 6 $ii\emptyset^6_5$ V i

Here's an instance where your voice leading compass tells you that a certain progression is impossible:

Why can't ii^6_5 go to V^7 ?
 Try it below, or just think about it.



I $vii^{\circ 6}$ I^6 ii^6_5 V^7 I

$\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot}{\text{ii}}}_3^4$

Bass: $\overset{\wedge}{6}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{4}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{2}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{1}$

$\overset{\wedge}{\text{ii}}_3^4$ has $\overset{\wedge}{6}$ in the bass. Therefore, what smooth bassline will you typically typically create with this chord?
 What other chords do you already know that can be used with this same bassline/shape?

i V_5^6 i $\overset{\wedge}{\text{ii}}_3^4$ V^7 i

$\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot}{\text{ii}}}_2^4$

Bass: $\overset{\wedge}{1}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{6}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{4}$
 $\overset{\wedge}{2}$

$\overset{\wedge}{\text{ii}}_2^4$ has the 7th in the bass.

The bass then must move from $\overset{\wedge}{1}$ to $\overset{\wedge}{7}$, and therefore $\overset{\wedge}{\text{ii}}_2^4$ must go to $V_{(5)}^6$.
 ...you probably already figured this out when making bass shapes on page 2.

I $\overset{\wedge}{\text{ii}}_2^4$ V_5^6 I IV V 7 I