



# Music Literacy (chords)

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# Basic Music Literacy

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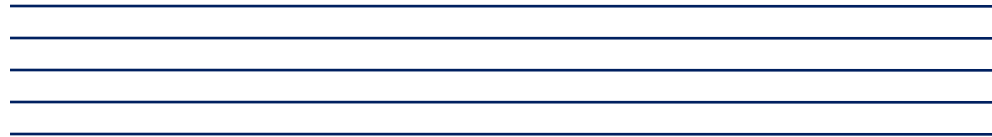
Music literacy is a language used to share music through reading and writing.

This language is written using special symbols that tell you what to play and how to play it.



# Chords

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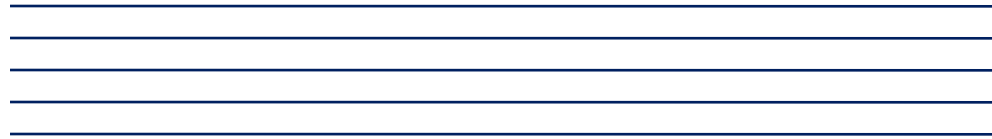
A chord is a set of two or more different notes that are played at the same time.

A chord progression is when chords are played one after another.



# Triad Chords

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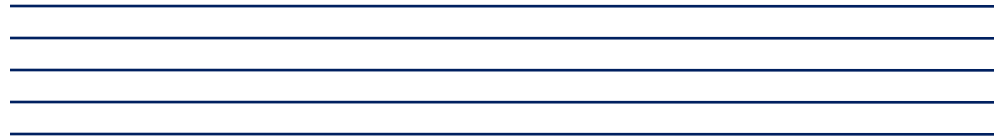
Triad chords are the most common chords. They are based on a series of three notes.

The first note is called the "root note", the second note is called the "third", and the last note is called the "fifth" of the chord.



# C Major Chord

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C D E F G A B C  
1 3 5

C - root note

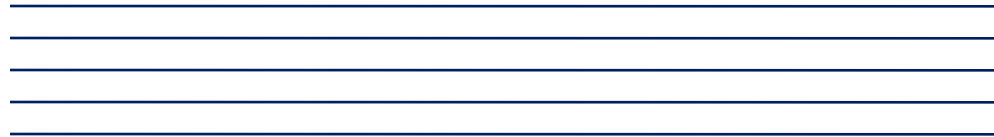
E - major third

G - perfect fifth



# C Minor Chord

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C D Eb F G A B C  
1        3        5

C - root note

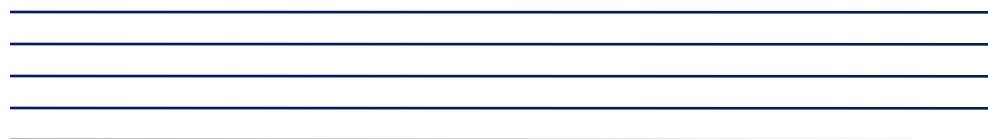
Eb - minor third

G - perfect fifth



# C Augmented Chord

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C D E F A<sup>b</sup> A B C  
1 3 5

C - root note

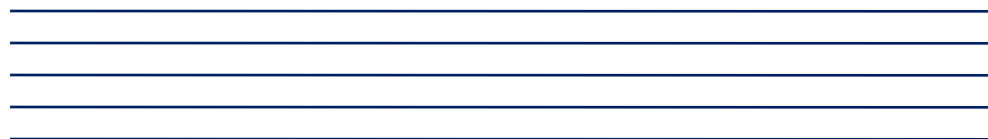
E - major third

A<sup>b</sup> - sharpened fifth



# C Diminished Chord

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C D Eb F F# A B C  
1 3 5

C - root note

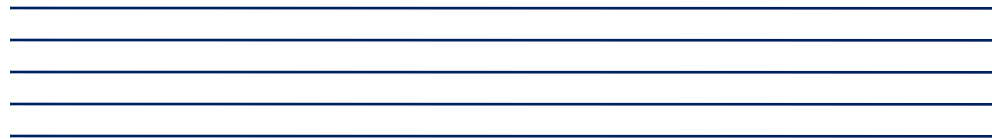
Eb - minor third

F#- flattened fifth



# C Suspended Chord

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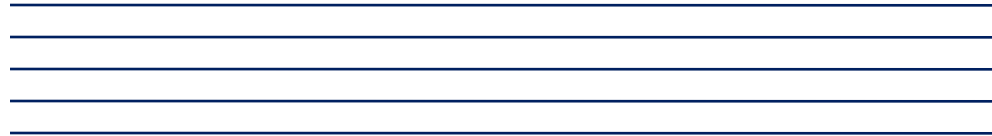
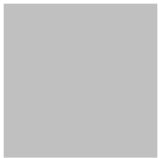
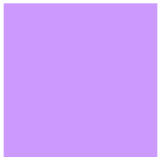
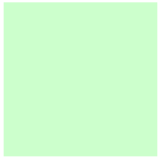
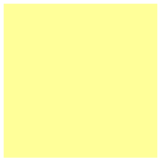
C D E F G A B C

1    ? 4 5

C - the root note

F - the perfect fourth

G - the perfect fifth



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