

Input: key (string, e.g., "C", "Ab", indicating the Major key and the parallel minor key), chord symbol

All examples are based on C chords.

1. CM7, CMaj9, Cadd2, C6, C69, etc. (with Ionian third extensions higher or equal than 7th, considering omitting):
 - If key is "C" (same as root):
Candidate scales are [C Ionian, C blues major, C pentatonic major, C bebop major].
 - If key is "G" (perfect 5th above):
Candidate scales are [C Lydian, C pentatonic major, G blues major]
 - If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C Ionian, C pentatonic major]
2. CM7#11 (can include 9, 13):
 - Key whatever:
Candidate scales are [C Lydian]
3. Cm9, Cm11, Cm13, etc. (with Aeolian third extensions higher or equal than 7th, not including minor sixths):
 - If key is "Eb" (min 3rd above) (actually, for c minor key):
Candidate scales are [C Aeolian, C blues minor, C pentatonic minor].
 - If key is "Bb" (Maj 2nd below):
Candidate scales are [C Dorian, Bb blues major, G blues minor]
 - If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C Aeolian]
4. Cm69, etc. (with melodic minor third extensions higher or equal than 7th):
 - If key is "Eb" (Maj 2nd above) (actually, for c minor key):
Candidate scales are [C melodic minor, C blues minor, C pentatonic minor]
 - If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C melodic minor]
5. Cm7:
 - If key is "Eb" (min 3rd above) or "Bb" (Maj 2nd below):
Same as rule Cm9.
 - If key is "Ab" (Maj 3rd below):
Candidate scales are [C Phrygian, F blues minor]
 - If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C pentatonic minor]
6. Cm6:
 - If key is "Eb" (Maj 2nd below) (actually, for c minor key):
Same as rule Cm69.
 - If key is "Bb" (Maj 2nd below):
Same as rule Cm9.
 - If key is "Ab" (Maj 3rd below):
Same as rule Cm7.
 - If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C melodic minor, C pentatonic minor]
7. CmM7 (9, 11, 13):
 - Key whatever:

Candidate scales are [C melodic minor, C harmonic minor]

8. Cm:

- If key is "Eb" (Maj 2nd below) (actually, for c minor key):
Candidate scales are [C melodic minor, C Aeolian, C blues minor, C pentatonic minor, C harmonic minor]
- If key is "Bb" (Maj 2nd below):
Candidate scales are [C Dorian, Bb blues major, G blues minor]
- If key is "Ab" (Maj 3rd below):
Candidate scales are [C Phrygian, F blues minor]
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C pentatonic minor, C Aeolian, C melodic minor, C harmonic minor]

9. F/C, Csus9, C9, C11, C13:

- If key is "F" (perfect 5th below):
Candidate scales are [C Mixolydian, C blues, C bebop dominant].
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C Mixolydian]

10. C7b13:

- If key is "F" (perfect 5th below):
Candidate scales are [C melodic major, C blues, C alt, C bebop dominant].
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C melodic major, C alt]

11. C7#11:

- If key is "F" (perfect 5th below):
Candidate scales are [C Lydian dominant, C blues].
- If key is "Ab" (Maj 3rd below) (actually f minor key):
Candidate scales are [C Lydian dominant, C alt]
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C Lydian dominant]

12. C7b9, Calt:

- Key whatever:
Candidate scales are [C alt]

13. C7susb9, C7sus#9, C7sus13:

- Key whatever:
Candidate scales are [C Phrygian, C Dorian b2]

14. C7:

- If key is "C" (same as root):
Candidate scales are [C Mixolydian, F blues, C blues, F bebop dominant]
- If key is "F" (perfect 5th below):
Candidate scales are [C Mixolydian, C Lydian dominant, C blues, C bebop dominant].
- If key is "Ab" (Maj 3rd below) (actually, for f minor key):
Candidate scales are [C alt, C Lydian dominant]
- If key is "Eb" (min 3rd above):
Candidate scales are [C alt]

- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C Mixolydian, C alt (when linking minor chords or dominant chords)]

15. CM:

- If key is "C" (same as root) or "G" (perfect 5th above):
Same as CM7.
- If key is "F" (perfect 5th below):
Same as C9.
- If key is "Ab" (Maj 3rd below):
Candidate scales are [C Phrygian #3]
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C pentatonic major, C blues, C Ionian]

16. Cm7b5 (9, 11, b13):

- Key whatever:
Candidate scales are [C Locrian ♮2, C Locrian]

17. Cdim7:

- If key is "Db" (min 2nd above) (actually, for Bb minor key):
Candidate scales are [C diminished, F alt]
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C diminished]

18. Cdim:

- If key is "Db" (min 2nd above) (could also for Bb minor key):
Candidate scales are [C diminished, C Locrian, Ab Mixolydian, F alt]
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C diminished]

19. C+, C+7 (9, #11):

- If key is "G" (perfect 5th above):
Candidate scales are [C Lydian augmented, C whole tone]
- If key is others:
Candidate scales are [C whole tone]

Appendix: jazz scales wiki

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazz_scale

Appendix: music21 analysis of jazz soloing

<https://music21-mit.blogspot.com/2016/07/using-music21-for-jazz-improv-and-study.html>

Appendix: music21 candidate chord symbols:

<https://github.com/cuthbertLab/music21/blob/master/music21/harmony.py>

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# Y indicates this chord_type is an official XML chord type
# N indicates XML does not support this chord type
# Y : 'some string' indicates XML supports the chord type, but
#     uses a name different than what I use in this dictionary
#     I mostly used XML's nomenclature, but for a few of the sevenths
#     I just couldn't stand to adopt their names because they aren't consistent
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# sorry, you can't use '-' for minor, cause that's a flat in music21
CHORD_TYPES = collections.OrderedDict([
    ('major', ['1,3,5', ['', 'M', 'maj']]), # Y
    ('minor', ['1,-3,5', ['m', 'min']]), # Y
    ('augmented', ['1,3,#5', ['+', 'aug']]), # Y
    ('diminished', ['1,-3,-5', ['dim', 'o']]), # Y
    # sevenths
    ('dominant-seventh', ['1,3,5,-7', ['7', 'dom7', ]]), # Y: 'dominant'
    ('major-seventh', ['1,3,5,7', ['maj7', 'M7']]), # Y
    ('minor-major-seventh', ['1,-3,5,7', ['mM7', 'm#7', 'minmaj7']]), # Y: 'major-minor'
    ('minor-seventh', ['1,-3,5,-7', ['m7', 'min7']]), # Y
    ('augmented-major-seventh', ['1,3,#5,7', ['+M7', 'augmaj7']]), # N
    ('augmented-seventh', ['1,3,#5,-7', ['7+', '+7', 'aug7']]), # Y
    ('half-diminished-seventh', ['1,-3,-5,-7', ['ø7', 'm7b5']]), # Y: 'half-diminished'
    ('diminished-seventh', ['1,-3,-5,--7', ['o7', 'dim7']]), # Y
    ('seventh-flat-five', ['1,3,-5,-7', ['dom7dim5']]), # N

    # sixths
    ('major-sixth', ['1,3,5,6', ['6']]), # Y
    ('minor-sixth', ['1,-3,5,6', ['m6', 'min6']]), # Y

    # ninths
    ('major-ninth', ['1,3,5,7,9', ['M9', 'Maj9']]), # Y
    ('dominant-ninth', ['1,3,5,-7,9', ['9', 'dom9']]), # Y
    ('minor-major-ninth', ['1,-3,5,7,9', ['mM9', 'minmaj9']]), # N
    ('minor-ninth', ['1,-3,5,-7,9', ['m9', 'min9']]), # N
    ('augmented-major-ninth', ['1,3,#5,7,9', ['+M9', 'augmaj9']]), # Y
    ('augmented-dominant-ninth', ['1,3,#5,-7,9', ['9#5', '+9', 'aug9']]), # N
    ('half-diminished-ninth', ['1,-3,-5,-7,9', ['ø9']]), # N
    ('half-diminished-minor-ninth', ['1,-3,-5,-7,-9', ['øb9']]), # N
    ('diminished-ninth', ['1,-3,-5,--7,9', ['o9', 'dim9']]), # N
    ('diminished-minor-ninth', ['1,-3,-5,--7,-9', ['ob9', 'dimb9']]), # N

    # elevenths
    ('dominant-11th', ['1,3,5,-7,9,11', ['11', 'dom11']]), # Y
    ('major-11th', ['1,3,5,7,9,11', ['M11', 'Maj11']]), # Y
    ('minor-major-11th', ['1,-3,5,7,9,11', ['mM11', 'minmaj11']]), # N
    ('minor-11th', ['1,-3,5,-7,9,11', ['m11', 'min11']]), # Y
    ('augmented-major-11th', ['1,3,#5,7,9,11', ['+M11', 'augmaj11']]), # N
    ('augmented-11th', ['1,3,#5,-7,9,11', ['+11', 'aug11']]), # N
    ('half-diminished-11th', ['1,-3,-5,-7,-9,11', ['ø11']]), # N
    ('diminished-11th', ['1,-3,-5,--7,-9,-11', ['o11', 'dim11']]), # N

    # thirteenths
    ('major-13th', ['1,3,5,7,9,11,13', ['M13', 'Maj13']]), # Y
    ('dominant-13th', ['1,3,5,-7,9,11,13', ['13', 'dom13']]), # Y
    ('minor-major-13th', ['1,-3,5,7,9,11,13', ['mM13', 'minmaj13']]), # N
    ('minor-13th', ['1,-3,5,-7,9,11,13', ['m13', 'min13']]), # Y
    ('augmented-major-13th', ['1,3,#5,7,9,11,13', ['+M13', 'augmaj13']]), # N

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('augmented-dominant-13th', ['1,3,#5,-7,9,11,13', ['+13', 'aug13']]), # N
('half-diminished-13th', ['1,-3,-5,-7,9,11,13', ['ø13']]), # N

# other
('suspended-second', ['1,2,5', ['sus2']]), # Y
('suspended-fourth', ['1,4,5', ['sus', 'sus4']]), # Y
('suspended-fourth-seventh', ['1,4,5,-7', ['7sus', '7sus4']]), # Y
('Neapolitan', ['1,2-,3,5-', ['N6']]), # Y
('Italian', ['1,#4,-6', ['It+6', 'It']]), # Y
('French', ['1,2,#4,-6', ['Fr+6', 'Fr']]), # Y
('German', ['1,-3,#4,-6', ['Gr+6', 'Ger']]), # Y
('pedal', ['1', ['pedal']]), # Y
('power', ['1,5', ['power']]), # Y
('Tristan', ['1,#4,#6,#9', ['tristan']]), # Y
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