# **Cadences**

- Musical puntuation that marks the end of a phrase
- The second chord in a cadence should fall on a stronger note than the first

### **Authentic Cadences**

#### Most final type of cadence

## **Perfect Authentic Cadence (PAC)**

#### Strongest, most resolute, and most basic cadence

- Can be:
  - ullet V o I
  - ullet  $V^7 
    ightarrow I$
- Most resolute
- Always in root position
- The melody also is the root of the chord for the I Chord

## **Imperfect Authentic Cadence (IAC)**

#### Usually defined simply as any authentic cadence that is not a PAC

These Cadences are close to being an AC, but breaks one of the rules.

#### **Root Position IAC**

- Similar to a PAC, but the melody is not the root
- Still:
  - ullet V o I
  - $\circ$   $V^7 
    ightarrow I$

### **Inverted IAC**

- Similar to a PAC, but one or both of the chords are inverted
- Can be:
  - $\circ \ V^6 
    ightarrow I^{inversion}$
  - $\circ \ V_4^6 
    ightarrow I^{inversion}$
  - $\circ \ V_5^6 
    ightarrow I^{inversion}$
  - $\circ \ V_3^4 
    ightarrow I^{inversion}$
  - $\circ \ V_2^4 
    ightarrow I^{inversion}$
  - $\circ \ V^{inversion} 
    ightarrow I^6$
  - $\circ \ V^{inversion} 
    ightarrow I_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}^6$
  - $\circ \ V^{inversion} 
    ightarrow I_5^6$
  - $\circ \ V^{inversion} 
    ightarrow I_3^4$
  - $\circ \ V^{inversion} 
    ightarrow I_2^4$

## **Leading-tone IAC**

- Similar to PAC, but instead of a V, you have a  $vii^o$
- Can be
  - $ullet \ vii^o 
    ightarrow I$
  - $\circ \ \ vii^{o7} 
    ightarrow I$
  - $\circ \ \ vii_4^{o6} 
    ightarrow I$
  - $\circ$  And other inversions of the  $vii^o$  chord



#### When the ear expects a V o I authentic cadence but hears V o X instead

- ullet X is usually a vi chord
- vi because it has two notes in common with the I chord
- Usually not to end the phrase but to **prolong** it a few more measures

# Half Cadence (HC)

#### Very common type of unstable or "progressive" cadence

X o V

- X is any other chord
- ullet X is normally IV or I

## **Phrygian Half Cadence**

Just the  $iv^6 o V$  progression in a minor key

# Plagal Cadence (PC)

#### The IV o I progression

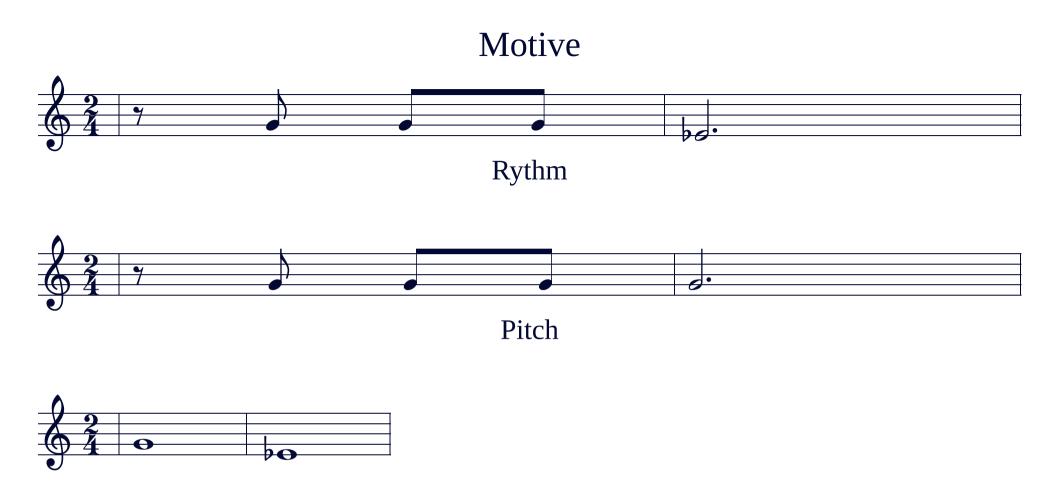
- Often tagged on after a PAC
- Also known as the "Amen" Cadence
- · Quite final sounding

# **Musical Ideas**

## **Motives**

- Motives are the smallest identifiable musical idea
- Can consist of a pitch pattern, a rhythmic pattern, or both
- Rythm tends to be more important

• Light Motive is a motive that represents something



## **Phrases**

- Phrases are independent musical idea terminated by a cadence
- Subphrases are a portion of a phrase, but it is not a phrase because there is no cadence or it is too short
- A subphrase is a melodic event, whereas a phrase is a harmonic event
- Phrases are usually labeled with lowercase letters
  - Parallel relationship (in a parallel period) between phrases are labeled with a prime '
- A repeated phrase is a phrase that is repeated, and may have slight modifications
- An allision is when the end of a phrase is after the start of the next phrase

### **Periods**

- A period typically consists of **two phrases**
- Normally a question-answer relationship, a weak followed by a strong cadence
- Phrase endings need to be different, if not it is a repeated phrase
- Normally are:
  - $\circ$   $HC \rightarrow IAC$  or PAC
  - $\circ$   $IAC \rightarrow PAC$

## **Types of Periods**

- Parallel Period are when multiple phrases begin with similar musical material
- Contrasting Period are when they don't

## **Multiple Periods**

- A common way of expanding a two-phrase period is by repeating the antecedent phrase like aab or the consequent phrase like abb
  - can repeat both like *aabb*
  - $\circ$  not the same as a repeated period abab
- Three-phase periods are periods made of three phrases (aka phrase groups)
  - Tends to be: **Strong, Weak, Strongest**, but can also be weak, strong, strongest
- A **double period** consists typically of **four phrases in two pairs**, with ending cadences of the phrases following the same weak-strong pattern
  - Like:
    - $HC \rightarrow IAC$  or PAC
    - $\blacksquare$   $IAC \rightarrow PAC$
  - Each pair of phrases is **not** normally considered a period
  - The double period is normally **not** made of two periods
- A repeated period is just repeated periods
  - Made of two periods

### **Sentences**

- Sentences are an immediate repetition or variation of a musical idea followed by a motion toward a cadence
- Normally one or few phrases in length