



POST-TONAL THEORY

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Inversion

- When you transpose, you add n (T_n) to each
- When you invert, you subtract the note (x) from the n (I_n)... that's $n-x$
- $I_3 [124] = 3-1 = 2 \mid 3-2 = 1 \mid 3-4 = E$
- Because it's an inversion (upside-down) you write your answer backwards...
- $I_3 [124] = [E12]$ so first and last correspond

Inversion

- Check that matching pairs of variables between first (x) and second (y) set add up to n (3)



- N is also interval between $-x$ and y
- if you count up on a clock ($-4 = 8$, count up 3 and you hit E)

Inversion

- If you want to know the interval of inversion (n) between two given notes, add them together...



- $1+2 = 3$
- $2+1 = 3$
- $4+E = 15 - 12 = 3$

Prime Form

- Step 1: put your notes in normal form (most compact arrangement)
- Step 2: look at the order of intervals

$[4^1 5^2 7^1 8^1 9]$

- Consider it both forward and backward (inverted) — which has the smallest interval first? The smallest 2nd (if a tie?)
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- Start on 0 and add intervals in that order (01245)
- Parentheses denote prime form