

Progressive Motion: Chord motion with the root descending a fifth, descending a third, or rising a second.

Examples of Progressive Motion: note fifth scale degrees that have been omitted from some chords!

The musical notation shows two systems of chords in 4/4 time. The first system is in A major (key signature of three sharps) and the second is in E-flat major (key signature of three flats). Each system contains four measures of chords with arrows indicating voice leading between notes in adjacent measures.

A major: I IV V⁷ I

E-flat major: I IV⁶ V⁷ I

Regressive Motion: Chord motion that is not Progressive

Examples of Regressive Motion

The musical notation shows two systems of chords. The first system is in C-sharp minor (key signature of four sharps) and the second is in A minor (key signature of no sharps or flats). Each system contains four measures of chords.

C-sharp minor: i VII VI V

A minor: i III v VII