

CHORDS & THEIR FUNCTION WITHIN THE DIATONIC SCALE



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Chords of the C-Major scale

Major: **C** Dm Em F G Am Bdim

Minor: **Am** Bdim C Dm Em F G



Chords and their function

Major key

Chord	Role	Description
C	Tonic	Tonal center / Home
Dm	Supertonic	Subdominants minor parallel
Em	Mediant	Dominants minor parallel
F	Subdominant	Leads to Dominant
G	Dominant	Leads to the Tonic
Am	Submediant	Tonics minor parallel
Bdim	Leading tone chord	Dominant alternative



Chords and their function

Minor key

Chord	Role	Description
Am	Tonic	Tonal center / Home
Bdim	Supertonic	Alternative to subdominant
C	Mediant	Tonics major parallel
Dm	Subdominant	Leads to Dominant
E	Dominant	Leads to the Tonic
F	Submediant	Subdominants major parallel
G	Subtonic	Dominant's major paralell

