

Lesson JJJ: Applied Chords

Exam:

Question 1: Identify and label an applied dominant seventh chord in the following example in D major (J.S. Bach, “Wo Gott, der Herr, nicht bei uns halt,” BWV 258, mm. 1-2):

[(Students must click on the chord and fill in a blank for the roman numeral.) Answer: the chord on the downbeat of m. 2 is a V_5^6/V . Feedback if correct: “Correct!” Feedback if incorrect: “Incorrect. The chord on the downbeat of m. 2 is a V_5^6/V .”]

Question 2: One of the voices in the following progression contains an error as $V7/V$ resolves to V. Adjust one of the voices in the V chord to fix the voice leading:

[Answer: soprano should be F instead of C. Feedback if correct: “Correct! The temporary leading tone in the applied chord should resolve to the temporary tonic, especially when it occurs in an outer voice.” Feedback if incorrect: “Incorrect. The temporary leading tone in the applied chord should resolve to the temporary tonic, especially when it occurs in an outer voice. The soprano should be F instead of C.”]

Question 3: In the following example, change one of the notes in the pre-dominant chord on beat three to create a vii^0/V :

[Answer: $E_b: I \quad IV \quad vii^0/V \quad V$. Response if correct: “Correct! Raising the tenor to A natural changes the IV chord into a vii^0/V .” Response if incorrect: “Incorrect. The tenor should be raised to A natural on beat three to change the IV chord into a vii^0/V .”]

Question 4: One of the voices in the following progression contains an error as vii^{o7}/V resolves to V . Adjust one of the voices in the V chord to fix the voice leading:

$g: i \quad vii^{o7}/V \quad V$

[Answer: soprano should be A instead of D. Feedback if correct: “Correct! The soprano must resolve down by step to A (resolving the tritone formed by E and B^b to a perfect fifth).” Feedback if incorrect: “Incorrect. The soprano must resolve down by step to A (resolving the tritone formed by E and B^b to a perfect fifth).”]

Question 5a: Identify the tritone in the vii^{o6}/vi of the following excerpt (J.S. Bach, “Wo Gott der Herr nicht bei uns hält,” BWV 256, mm. 3-4):

$vii^{o6}/V \quad V$

[Possible pitches: A in the bass, A in the tenor, F^\sharp in the alto, C in the soprano. Answer: F^\sharp in the alto and C in the soprano. Feedback if correct: “Correct! F^\sharp and C form a diminished fifth.” Response if incorrect: “Incorrect. Those two pitches do not form a tritone.”]

Question 5b: To what interval does the diminished fifth formed by F^\sharp and C resolve in this example?

$vii^{o6}/V \quad V$

[Answer: major third (M3). Response if correct: “Correct!” Response if incorrect: “Incorrect. The tritone resolves to a major third on the downbeat of m. 3.”]

Question 6: Complete the progression below by inserting the pitches of a V_2^4/V chord in A major into the most logical voices:

$A^b: IV \quad V_2^4/V \quad V^6 \quad I$



[Answer: $A^b: IV \ V_2^4/V \ V^6 \ I$. Feedback if student's answer matches: "Correct!" Feedback if student's answer does not match: "Incorrect. The most logical placement of the pitches of a V_2^4/V chord in A



major would be as follows: $A^b: IV \ V_2^4/V \ V^6 \ I$."]