

# Voicing System(s) - V-1 through V-14 

My pet system
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Three Methods of Determining What Voicing Group Any 4-Note (non-doubled note type) Voicing Belongs to:

All three developed independently, yet amazingly similar at their core....[love] it.
This page: "How to Recognize" and "How to Build"

An early method of mine (early '70's) and the fastest method.

1) The "Chord Tone Path"

Find which "Chronological Chord Tone" (or Letter Name) formula is happening in the chord, and check against the following Master Formulas for V-1 thru V-14.

Example: $1 \underset{5 \rightarrow 7}{5 \rightarrow 5} 3$; and so on.
$\mathbf{V - 1}=$ Chronological order from top down or $\downarrow$ [note it can also be:] bottom up. $6-18-2003$. The test is always simple: less than an octave ( S to B ).
$\mathbf{V - 2}=\mathbf{T A B S}$, (Tenor then Alto then Bass, then Soprano) or $\downarrow$ [note also:] alternates: Bass Soprano Tenor Alto; STAB; ABST

e.g. $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 5 & 7\end{array}$

V-4 = TBAS, BAST, ASTB, S T B A
$V-5=$ TSBA, BATS, ATSB, SBAT
V-6 = Like V-1 but with extra octave between B and T
V-7 $=\quad$ Like V-2 but with octave between B and T
$\mathbf{V - 8}=$ SATB, ATBS, TBSA, BSAT
("Descending Order" by luck) "opposite of V-1"
V-9 = Like V-2 but with octave between B and T
$\mathbf{V - 1 0}=\quad$ Like V-2 with octave drop of both the B and T (or raise A and S)
$\mathbf{V - 1 1}=\quad$ Like V-4 but octave gap between A and S (or even better: V-5 with Alto down 2 octaves)
$\mathbf{V - 1 2}=\quad$ Like V-3 with octave drop between T and B (low V-5 with Tenor up 2 octaves....better)

V-13 = $\quad$ Like V-1 with octave drop of both B and T (or raise A and S )
V-14 $=\quad$ Like V -1 with octave gap between A and S

Formulated by Jim Hober (a thinking student)
2) "Chord Tone Gap" Method between adjacent voices

The missing tones here are something I fell into naturally. Best to explain the [chord tone gap] size to certain students.

|  |  | $[\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{T}$ | $\mathrm{T}-\mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{S}]$ |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{V}-1$ | $=$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-2$ | $=$ | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-3$ | $=$ | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-4$ | $=$ | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-5$ | $=$ | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-6$ | $=$ | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-7$ | $=$ | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-8$ | $=$ | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-9$ | $=$ | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-10$ | $=$ | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-11$ | $=$ | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-12$ | $=$ | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-13$ | $=$ | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| $\mathrm{~V}-14$ | $=$ | 0 | 0 | 4 |

## 3) My Latest Method Which I Once Began \& Never Finished

(but did here) [Intervals in red were added by James Hober to complete the table.]
a) Largest \& smallest possible Real Interval available between each adjacent pair of voices in each Voicing Group and
b) between the outer voices. $\leftarrow$ This governing the overall range.

$\left.\begin{array}{lll} & \text { S } & \\ \text { V-5 } & \text { A } & \text { M2-b7 } \\ & \text { T } & \text { m3-M7 } \\ \text { B } & \text { M2-b7 }\end{array}\right\} \begin{gathered}\text { m10 (m3) } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { 14h (7) }\end{gathered}$

$\left.\begin{array}{lll} & \text { S } & \\ \text { V-7 } & \text { A } & \text { M2-b7 } \\ \text { T } & \text { m2-M6 } \\ \text { B } & 9-\mathrm{b} 14 \text { (b7) }\end{array}\right\} \begin{gathered}\text { m16th (m9) } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { 20th (6) }\end{gathered}$

$\left.\begin{array}{ccc} & \text { S } & \\ \text { V-9 } & \text { A } 14(\mathrm{~b} 7) \\ \text { T } & \text { m2-M6 } \\ \text { B } & \text { M2-b7 }\end{array}\right\} \begin{gathered}\text { m16(m9) } \\ \text { to } \\ 20(6)\end{gathered}$


