

Chord Inversions

Music

The same chord with a different note at the bottom, and how it is written.

A triad has three positions: root, first and second inversion.

Position	Bass note	C major
Root position	Root	C E G
1st inversion	3rd	E G C
2nd inversion	5th	G C E
3rd inversion (7ths)	7th	B ^b C E G

Slash chords name the bass directly: C/E is C major with E in the bass — first inversion.