## 1950s Progression for Uke - multiple keys

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There are 7 chords built on a major scale. Chords 1, 4, and 5 are major, while chords 2, 3, and 6 are minor (chord 7 is diminished). A 1950s chord progression is made out of chords 1, 6, 4, and 5 of a given key. Below are examples of this progression in several keys.

CHORD #	1	6	4	5 <sup>7 *</sup>
Key of C:	C	Am	F	G7
Key of G:	G	Em	C	D7
Key of A	D	Bm	G	A7
Key of A:	A	F#m	D	E7

**5**<sup>7</sup> \* Chord # 1 6 4 **Key of E:** B7 E C#m **Key of F:** Bb Dm Key of Bb: Gm Eb Bb F7

<sup>\*</sup> **Note:** The 5 chord in a given key can be played as a regular major triad (e.g. G) or as a major triad with the 7th added (e.g. G7). In this handout, we use the 5 chord with the 7th added. However, the 5 chord is always interchangeable -- you can either play the basic 5 chord or the 5 chord with the 7th added. For example, when in the 5 chord position, you can use either C or C7, G or G7, D or D7, F or F7, B or B7, etc.